

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

Co-Sponsors: Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair
Dr. Steve Gallon III, Vice Chair
Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller
Dr. Marta Pérez
Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas
Ms. Luisa Santos

REVISÉD AT
DAIS BY
BOARD
ACTION

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-036 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 2021-22 M-DCPS OFFICER OF THE YEAR MR. ANTONIO LOWERY.

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Antonio Lowery graduated from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey with a degree in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Africana Studies. He is a proud Dade County native who attended Key Biscayne Middle School and Christopher Columbus High School. He values family, diverse life experiences, and attributes his success to the power of his faith and a supportive brotherhood.

At present, he enhances safety at Miami Northwestern Senior High School as a School resource Officer, Field Training Officer, Police Explorer Advisor, and Incident Containment Team member. When he puts on his uniform, he imparts love within our school district and demonstrates the potential for police and community relationships. He embodies mutual respect, honor, commitment, and a connection to the pulse of the community. Officer Lowery has an eagerness to empower and inspire the youth and families, in our neighborhoods.

Over the past year he has intervened in campus altercations, seized weapons and drugs brought into our schools, acted as a mediator and investigator to deter violent gang activity and retaliation, served in a life saving capacity during a drug overdose, and provided swift assistance to other first responders on multiple occasions. On a typical day you can find Officer Lowery in sincere and authentic character, mentoring students, encouraging teachers, facilitating difficult conversations about community and law enforcement relationships, or accidentally going viral for demonstrating his athleticism and TikTok dancing skills with the students.

In his free time, he is a culinary master, likes fishing, spending time with family, and trying new restaurants. His wife wants everyone to know, before he leaves the house each morning, he takes a moment to meditate, gets in the groove with the music, and kisses her on the forehead while she prays for his continued safety and protection on the streets of Miami and in our schools of our community.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-036 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing THE 2021-22 M-DCPS Officer of the Year Mr. Antonio Lowery.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-036
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
THE 2021-22 M-DCPS OFFICER OF THE YEAR MR. ANTONIO LOWERY.**

WHEREAS, Antonio Lowery graduated from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey with a degree in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Africana Studies. He is a proud Dade County native who attended Key Biscayne Middle School and Christopher Columbus High School. He values family, diverse life experiences, and attributes his success to the power of his faith and a supportive brotherhood;

WHEREAS, at present, he enhances safety at Miami Northwestern Senior High School as a School resource Officer, Field Training Officer, Police Explorer Advisor, and Incident Containment Team member. When he puts on his uniform, he imparts love within our school district and demonstrates the potential for police and community relationships. He embodies mutual respect, honor, commitment, and a connection to the pulse of the community. Officer Lowery has an eagerness to empower and inspire the youth and families, in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, over the past year he has intervened in campus altercations, seized weapons and drugs brought into our schools, acted as a mediator and investigator to deter violent gang activity and retaliation, served in a life saving capacity during a drug overdose, and provided swift assistance to other first responders on multiple occasions. On a typical day you can find Officer Lowery in sincere and authentic character, mentoring students, encouraging teachers, facilitating difficult conversations about community and law enforcement relationships, or accidentally going viral for demonstrating his athleticism and TikTok dancing skills with the students; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, he is a culinary master, likes fishing, spending time with family, and trying new restaurants. His wife wants everyone to know, before he leaves the house each morning, he takes a moment to meditate, gets in the groove with the music, and kisses her on the forehead while she prays for his continued safety and protection on the streets of Miami and in our schools of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-036 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing the 2021-22 M-DCPS Officer of the Year Mr. Antonio Lowery.

A copy of this proclamation is placed in the permanent record of this Board.

Presented this seventh day of September, A.D. 2022

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary