

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT AND CELEBRATION OF OCTOBER 2022 AS NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS, & STAFF

School Principals set the academic climate for their schools and the vision, commitment, dedication, and will power of a principal delivers the mobilizing energy behind any school reform effort. Principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations specialists, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs supervisors, and custodians of various legal, contractual and policy directives and initiatives, as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people, our most valuable resources.

October is designated annually as National Principals Month to recognize the essential role that principals play in school achievement and student success. A nationwide celebration of the principalship, National Principals Month, is an initiative of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), and the American Federation of School Administrators (AFSA). However, the most important National Principals Month celebrations are the ones that will take place in schools and communities across Miami-Dade County.

This school district has encountered several challenges these past two years and our principals continue to come through when it matters the most. Through visionary leadership and tireless pursuit of success for each student, principals guide and support their schools. National Principals Month is our way of honoring their dedication and thanking them for all they have accomplished.

This item seeks to celebrate the month of October 2022 as National Principals Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). The manner of celebrations will vary, but organizations, community groups, the PTA/PTSA, labor unions, the Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA), School Board Members, elected officials, the Superintendent, the administration, the media, and our students should be encouraged to celebrate the outstanding work and commitment of our school principals.

This item does not appear on the published agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published agenda as the next School Board meeting is not scheduled until October 19, 2022, and the endorsement and celebration of National Principals Month begins October 1st.

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

ACTION PROPOSED BY MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse and celebrate October 2022 as National Principals Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**GOOD CAUSE
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