

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-032 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MR. LEONARDO MOURIÑO AS THE 2023 PRINCIPAL  
OF THE YEAR IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE:       PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC**

**PLAN:               INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

On May 10, 2023, Mr. Leonardo Mouriño, Principal at Morningside K-8 Academy, was named Miami-Dade County Public Schools' 2023 Principal of the Year at the annual award celebration sponsored by the Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA). The Principal of the Year award recognizes and honors exemplary principals whose hard work, dedication, and superb leadership skills have made the greatest impact in their school communities.

Mr. Leonardo Mouriño began his career as a teacher in Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 1993 at Rainbow Park Elementary. At the onset of his career, he was named Rookie Teacher of the Year within his Region, demonstrating early on in his career the exceptional skills that would define his role as an educator and future school leader. For over 30 years, Principal Mouriño has served the children of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, devoting 22 of those years to his work as Assistant Principal at various schools.

As an educator and school leader, Principal Mouriño works diligently to lead his team in helping students reach their full potential and achieve their academic goals. He is a dedicated servant-leader, visionary and innovative, who believes in his team and their mission and sets great expectations and ambitious goals for them and himself. He is also a staunch partner and ally to all stakeholders in his school community who greatly appreciate the strong support and cooperation he provides.

Principal Leonardo Mouriño holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from University of Miami and a Master of Early Childhood Education from Florida International University. He also holds certifications in Elementary Education (Grades 1-6), Early Childhood Education (Grades K-3), and Educational Leadership (Grades K-12).

We take great pleasure in presenting this recognition to Mr. Leonardo Mouriño for being the recipient of the 2023 Principal of the Year Award in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This is a testament to his leadership and continued positive impact on his school community.

This item does not appear in the regular published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published agenda in order to timely and properly recognize the outstanding achievement of the educator honored herein.

This agenda item has been reviewed and approved by the General Counsel'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. 23-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Leonardo Mouriño as the 2023 Principal of the Year in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-032 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MR. LEONARDO MOURIÑO AS THE 2023 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR IN  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, on May 10, 2023, Mr. Leonardo Mouriño, Principal at Morningside K-8 Academy, was named Miami-Dade County Public Schools' 2023 Principal of the Year at the annual award celebration sponsored by the Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA). The Principal of the Year award recognizes and honors exemplary principals whose hard work, dedication, and superb leadership skills have made the greatest impact in their school communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Leonardo Mouriño began his career as a teacher in Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 1993 at Rainbow Park Elementary. At the onset of his career, he was named Rookie Teacher of the Year within his Region, demonstrating early on in his career the exceptional skills that would define his role as an educator and future school leader. For over 30 years, Principal Mouriño has served the children of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, devoting 22 of those years to his work as Assistant Principal at various schools; and

**WHEREAS**, as an educator and school leader, Principal Mouriño works diligently to lead his team in helping students reach their full potential and achieve their academic goals. He is a dedicated servant-leader, visionary and innovative, who believes in his team and their mission and sets great expectations and ambitious goals for them and himself. He is also a staunch partner and ally to all stakeholders in his school community who greatly appreciate the strong support and cooperation he provides; and

**WHEREAS**, Principal Leonardo Mouriño holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from University of Miami and a Master of Early Childhood Education from Florida International University. He also holds certifications in Elementary Education (Grades 1-6), Early Childhood Education (Grades K-3), and Educational Leadership (Grades K-12); and

**WHEREAS**, we take great pleasure in presenting this recognition to Mr. Leonardo Mouriño for being the recipient of the 2023 Principal of the Year Award in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This is a testament to his leadership and continued positive impact on his school community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Leonardo Mouriño as the 2023 Principal of the Year in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

**Presented this seventeenth day of May, A.D. 2023**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary