Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of April 17, 2024

April 10, 2024

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

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Mr. Roberto J. Alonso
Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller
Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall
Ms. Mary Blanco
Mr. Danny Espino
Dr. Steve Gallon III

Added

SUBJECT: **SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF MAY 3, 2024, AS *SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY* IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)**

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

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

School Lunch Hero Day is celebrated annually the first Friday in the month of May. It is a day of celebration to show our appreciation to the professionals who help make meals for America's students. *School Lunch Hero Day* was created by a partnership between the School Nutrition Association and children's author Jarret Krosoczka, the writer of several picture books including the "Lunch Lady" series.

School lunches are an important part of a student's academic success. Students who receive regular meals for breakfast and lunch are probably most likely to succeed in school. School lunches are not something that just benefits students, but it is also something that benefits the overall community. School lunches are good for all.

Our food and nutrition personnel are outstanding professionals who not only include the staff who design and implement the strict nutrition standards needed in our schools, but also the incredible cafeteria workers who make sure that all students are fed daily. M-DCPS school cafeteria employees arrive at work in their kitchens before dawn to prepare school breakfast They are our heroes, and this day is designed to show them the appreciation they deserve but never ask to receive.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools salute and honor the Department of Food and Nutrition, and the over 2,600 M-DCPS school lunch heroes, as we celebrate May 3, 2024, *School Lunch Hero Day.*

This item has been reviewed and approved by the General Counsel's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse May 3, 2024, as *School Lunch Hero Day* in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Revised
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