

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-055 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR DR. JOHN D. PACE III

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Dr. John D. Pace III, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Deputy Superintendent, has been selected and hired as the Superintendent of Schools for the Henry County Schools in Georgia. Dr. Pace's extensive public schools knowledge in leadership and instructional skills, policy development, finance, human capital, and school operations will humbly lead the students, teachers and staff, parents, and the general community serving Henry County Schools.

Henry County Schools is the eighth-largest school district in Georgia, located about 20 minutes south of Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. Over the past 20 years, the community has grown in population from 113,000 residents to over 244,000 residents. Since 1999, student population has grown from 21,000 to 43,000 students, and the number of employees has grown from 3,000 to 6,000.

Dr. Pace has had a stellar career in Miami-Dade County Public Schools serving as an instructional leader in various positions from 2000 to the present. During this time, the school district has been fortunate to have witnessed his leadership skills and commitment to excellence. He has been an advocate in the educational community fighting for student achievement greatness with energy, strength, dedication, devotion, commitment, and excellent interpersonal skills.

In 2000, he started his educational journey as a music instructor, then as a jazz director, and co-concert and marching band director at Miami Norland Senior High School; in 2007 he was promoted to Assistant Principal at Norland Elementary School; and in 2011 he became the Principal at Myrtle Grove K-8 Center. In 2015, he transitioned to the position of Administrative Director in the Education Transformation Office, and in 2017 he became Region Superintendent in the Central Region. Dr. Pace continued achieving greatness when he was promoted to Chief Operating Officer of School Operations in 2021, and Deputy Superintendent of School Leadership and Performance in 2022.

As Deputy Superintendent in M-DCPS since 2022, Dr. Pace has directly worked and assisted Superintendent Dr. Jose L. Dotres by overseeing the Office of School Leadership and Performance and the daily operation of 350 traditional K-12 schools and technical colleges serving more than 240,000 students. During his tenure as Deputy Superintendent, he has shown strength in planning, organizational skills, and data-driven decision making, always keeping in mind the students he serves. He is an instructional leader who is well-versed in the latest educational practices, trends, and problems facing school districts throughout the nation. His career certainly expands many years of dedicated and faithful service to teaching and administration in public education.

Dr. Pace holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music/Business Finance from the University of Miami and a Master of Science Degree in Music Education from Florida International University. He also

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holds a Doctor of Education Degree from The College of William & Mary in Educational Leadership, with a concentration in educational policy, planning, and leadership.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has been honored to have had Dr. Pace as a member of the M-DCPS family. This new chapter in his life is certainly due to the remarkable career and experiences he has had in this school district. The School Board of Miami-Dade County wishes Dr. Pace much success and happiness as he challenges the students of Henry County Schools to achieve greatness.

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, approve Resolution No. 24-055 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the dedicated and committed educational services of Dr. John D. Pace III to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) as he embarks on a new journey as Superintendent of Schools in Henry County Schools, Georgia.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-055 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING DEDICATED AND COMMITTED EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES OF DR. JOHN D. PACE III TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Dr. John D. Pace III, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Deputy Superintendent, has been selected and hired as the Superintendent of Schools for the Henry County Schools in Georgia;

WHEREAS, Dr. Pace's extensive public schools knowledge in leadership and instructional skills, policy development, finance, human capital, and school operations will humbly lead the students, teachers and staff, parents, and the general community serving Henry County Schools;

WHEREAS, in 2000, Dr. Pace started his educational journey as a music instructor, then as a jazz director, and co-concert and marching band director at Miami Norland Senior High School; in 2007 he was promoted to Assistant Principal at Norland Elementary School; and in 2011 he became the Principal at Myrtle Grove K-8 Center. In 2015, he transitioned to the position of Administrative Director in the Education Transformation Office, and in 2017 he became Region Superintendent in the Central Region. Dr. Pace continued achieving greatness when he was promoted to Chief Operating Officer of School Operations in 2021, and Deputy Superintendent of School Leadership and Performance in 2022;

WHEREAS, ss Deputy Superintendent in M-DCPS since 2022, Dr. Pace has directly worked and assisted Superintendent Dr. Jose L. Dotres by overseeing the Office of School Leadership and Performance and the daily operation of 350 traditional K-12 schools and technical colleges serving more than 240,000 students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pace holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music/Business Finance from the University of Miami and a Master of Science Degree in Music Education from Florida International University. He also holds a Doctor of Education Degree from The College of William & Mary in Educational Leadership, with a concentration in educational policy, planning, and leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution NO. 24-055 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the outstanding dedicated and committed educational services of Dr. John D. Pace III to Miami-Dade County Public Schools as he embarks on a new journey as Superintendent of Schools in Henry County Schools, Georgia.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of August, A. D. 2024

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY