

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-056 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. JOHN PACE III FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
SERVICE TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Dr. John D. Pace III serves as the Deputy Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), the third-largest school district in the United States, with over 40,000 employees and 330,000 students.

A Miami, Florida native, Dr. Pace is the son of Lieutenant John D. Pace Jr. and Dr. Essie S. Pace. He is the eldest of two siblings, with a younger sister, E'lan Pace. Dr. Pace attended M-DCPS from Kindergarten through 12th grade, graduating from Miami Norland Senior High School.

During his middle school years, Dr. Pace developed a passion for music after a medical incident temporarily sidelined him from sports. This experience fostered his dual love for sports and music, with music ultimately becoming his focus in high school. It was during this time that he honed his skills as a music performer, arranger, and composer.

Dr. Pace holds a Doctor of Education degree in educational policy, planning, and leadership from The College of William and Mary, as well as a Master of Science degree in music education from Florida International University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in music/business finance from the University of Miami.

Throughout his 25-year career with M-DCPS, Dr. Pace has held various instructional and administrative leadership positions, demonstrating his expertise as an educator. His roles have included para-professional, teacher, assistant principal, principal, Academic Administrative Director, Region Superintendent, Chief Operating Officer, and now Deputy Superintendent.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, where he has spent his entire career, is the third-largest school district in the U.S. and has been an A-rated school district for five consecutive years. Dr. Pace values the privilege of serving the community and continues to learn and grow from his daily interactions, particularly with students.

Dr. Pace will begin his official duties as the new Superintendent of Henry County Schools on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. His appointment followed a thorough and extensive search process that began in February.

Beyond his professional achievements, Dr. Pace cherishes his role as a father to four daughters (Aria, Myla, Lena, and Bria) and a son (Justin), as well as a husband to Dr. Schartess Pace.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-056 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Dr. John Pace III for his outstanding service to the Miami-Dade County Public schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-056 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. JOHN PACE III FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Dr. John D. Pace III serves as the Deputy Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), the third-largest school district in the United States, with over 40,000 employees and 330,000 students; and

WHEREAS, a Miami, Florida native, Dr. Pace is the son of Lieutenant John D. Pace Jr. and Dr. Essie S. Pace. He is the eldest of two siblings, with a younger sister, E'lan Pace. Dr. Pace attended M-DCPS from Kindergarten through 12th grade, graduating from Miami Norland Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, during his middle school years, Dr. Pace developed a passion for music after a medical incident temporarily sidelined him from sports. This experience fostered his dual love for sports and music, with music ultimately becoming his focus in high school. It was during this time that he honed his skills as a music performer, arranger, and composer; and

WHEREAS, he holds a Doctor of Education degree in educational policy, planning, and leadership from The College of William and Mary, as well as a Master of Science degree in music education from Florida International University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in music/business finance from the University of Miami; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 25-year career with M-DCPS, Dr. Pace has held various instructional and administrative leadership positions, demonstrating his expertise as an educator. His roles have included para-professional, teacher, assistant principal, principal, Academic Administrative Director, Region Superintendent, Chief Operating Officer, and now Deputy Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, where he has spent his entire career, is the third-largest school district in the U.S. and has been an A-rated school district for five consecutive years. Dr. Pace values the privilege of serving the community and continues to learn and grow from his daily interactions, particularly with students; and

WHEREAS, he will begin his official duties as the new Superintendent of Henry County Schools on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. His appointment followed a thorough and extensive search process that began in February; and

WHEREAS, beyond his professional achievements, Dr. Pace cherishes his role as a father to four daughters (Aria, Myla, Lena, and Bria) and a son (Justin), as well as a husband to Dr. Schartess Pace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-056 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. John D. Pace III for his exemplary service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools and is wished continued success in his new role as Superintendent of Henry County Schools.

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