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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-057 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING OPENING OF SCHOOLS COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

At Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the opening of schools is made possible by so many community supporters. They play a critical role in ensuring that our schools are ready before our students walk through the door on the first day of class. These community school champions have already worked long hours ensuring that students find a school environment that is welcoming and conducive to learning. They set up classrooms, organize instructional materials and supplies, and ensure that buildings are clean and safe. The following people are some of the outstanding opening of schools community supporters in District 9:

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- **Dylan Veras**, rising senior and SGA leader at **School for Advanced Studies - Homestead Campus**, took the lead on organizing a special event for new students at SAS Homestead. The event has been called the "Mentor/Mentee" activity where all the new students are matched up with returning Homestead seniors for various activities to familiarize the new students with the campus and how everything works. His efforts are pivotal as they help make the transitioning of new students to a new environment on a college campus much easier.

This resolution recognizes District 9 opening of school community supporters for their leadership, dedication, countless contributions and unwavering commitment that make our schools better learning communities.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. LUISA SANTOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-057 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing District 9 opening of schools community supporters.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-057 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DISTRICT 9 OPENING OF SCHOOL COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS**

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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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