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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-010 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING NIKOLAS VENEGAS AS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2026 ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

The 2026 Francisco R. Walker Rookie Teacher of the Year Award honors exceptional teachers in the early stages of their careers who go above and beyond to foster student engagement and create supportive learning environments. On January 28, 2025, Mr. Nikolas Venegas, a first-grade teacher at Avocado Elementary School, was named the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Rookie Teacher of the Year at the 2026 Francisco R. Walker Teacher of the Year celebration.

Mr. Venegas has cultivated a dynamic, immersive classroom environment where students are encouraged to explore, discover, and make connections across subjects. To build his students' confidence, he sets clear objectives, conducts ongoing assessments, and provides personalized support, ensuring they develop a deep understanding of their studies.

Outside the classroom, Mr. Venegas is committed to enriching students' lives through spiritual growth and community service. He volunteers at Homestead Church, where he is actively involved with the Youth and Young Adults Ministry. He also contributes to his community by volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House and the Homestead Police Department, coaching young athletes with the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), and participating in mission trips to Puerto Rico and Honduras during the summer.

Currently, Mr. Venegas is pursuing a Master of Science in Educational Leadership at St. Thomas University. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and an Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education, both from Miami Dade College.

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This resolution honors and celebrates Mr. Nikolas Venegas as the 2026 Francisco R. Walker Rookie Teacher of the Year in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. We recognize his outstanding contributions to M-DCPS, his exceptional character, and unwavering commitment to education and community service.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. MARY BLANCO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 25-010 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Nikolas Venegas as Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2026 Rookie Teacher of the Year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-010 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING NIKOLAS VENEGAS AS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2026
ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, the 2026 Francisco R. Walker Rookie Teacher of the Year Award honors exceptional teachers in the early stages of their careers who go above and beyond to foster student engagement and create supportive learning environments. On January 28, 2025, Mr. Nikolas Venegas, a first-grade teacher at Avocado Elementary School, was named the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Rookie Teacher of the Year at the 2026 Francisco R. Walker Teacher of the Year celebration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Venegas has cultivated a dynamic, immersive classroom environment where students are encouraged to explore, discover, and make connections across subjects. To build his students' confidence, he sets clear objectives, conducts ongoing assessments, and provides personalized support, ensuring they develop a deep understanding of their studies; and

WHEREAS, outside the classroom, Mr. Venegas is committed to enriching students' lives through spiritual growth and community service. He volunteers at Homestead Church, where he is actively involved with the Youth and Young Adults Ministry. He also contributes to his community by volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House and the Homestead Police Department, coaching young athletes with the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), and participating in mission trips to Puerto Rico and Honduras during the summer; and

WHEREAS, currently, Mr. Venegas is pursuing a Master of Science in Educational Leadership at St. Thomas University. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and an Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education, both from Miami Dade College; and

WHEREAS, this resolution honors and celebrates Mr. Nikolas Venegas as the 2026 Francisco R. Walker Rookie Teacher of the Year in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. We recognize his outstanding contributions to M-DCPS, his exceptional character, and unwavering commitment to education and community service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 25-010 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Nikolas Venegas as Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2026 Rookie Teacher of the Year.

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

Presented this twelfth day of February, A.D. 2025.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST

Secretary