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SUBJECT: CITY OF HIALEAH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (SEPTEMBER 10, 1925 - SEPTEMBER 10, 2025)

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY, & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

The City of Hialeah is set to commemorate a significant milestone in 2025: its Centennial. This historic occasion marks 100 years since the city's founding on September 10, 1925. To celebrate a century of growth, resilience, and cultural richness, Hialeah will host a year-long series of festivities. These will include vibrant community events, innovative educational initiatives, and diverse cultural activities designed to honor the city's storied past and its promising future. The Centennial offers a unique moment for reflection on Hialeah's journey, celebrating its accomplishments and the indelible contributions of the residents who have shaped the city over the past century.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) acknowledges and appreciates the collaborative efforts already underway between the district and the City of Hialeah. This board item seeks to formalize these efforts as the district prepares for this momentous occasion, ensuring a meaningful and unified celebration.

Through this partnership, M-DCPS will create enriching educational experiences for students in Hialeah schools. These activities will foster critical thinking, creativity, and community engagement, encouraging students to explore the city's history, cultural diversity, and future opportunities.

As part of the Centennial Celebration, schools within the Hialeah Feeder Pattern can host activities that highlight the city's heritage and diverse cultural landscape while fostering unity and pride among residents.

This board item directs the Superintendent to continue and expand the partnership between M-DCPS and the City of Hialeah in planning citywide events, projects, and initiatives emphasizing education, community engagement, and local pride throughout the Centennial year. These efforts, in accordance with Florida State Academic Standards, may include, but are not limited to:

- **Citywide School Activities:** Celebratory events at individual K-12 schools to honor Hialeah's Centennial.
- **Centennial Poetry Activity:** Students write tribute poems inspired by people or places in Hialeah worth celebrating.
- **Hialeah Hero Project:** Students research influential figures from Hialeah and showcase their findings through posters or creative presentations.
- **Thinking Like a Historian:** Hands-on activities and storytelling sessions about Hialeah's evolution over time.
- **Creating a City Guidebook:** Students use digital tools and design principles to create guide pages highlighting Hialeah's history, landmarks, and cultural diversity.
- **Find the Landmark Map Project:** Students identify and describe significant landmarks, exploring their role in Hialeah's development.
- **Hialeah Flag Project:** Analyzing the significance of flags in representing community identity and values.
- **Hialeah Trading Cards:** A creative activity where students design trading cards featuring notable figures from Hialeah's history.

These activities will engage students, families, and the broader Hialeah community in a collaborative celebration of the city's Centennial. Together, they will honor Hialeah's past while looking forward to its bright future.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. ROBERTO J. ALONSO:**

That the school board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct that the Superintendent of Schools to:

1. Explore the feasibility of citywide activities at individual Hialeah K-12 schools to honor Hialeah's Centennial by continuing and formalizing the partnership between M-DCPS and the City of Hialeah in planning citywide events, projects, and initiatives emphasizing education, community engagement, and local pride throughout the Centennial year. These efforts, in accordance with Florida State Academic Standards, may include but are not limited to:
 - a. Citywide School Activities
 - b. Centennial Poetry Activity
 - c. Hialeah Hero Project
 - d. Thinking Like a Historian
 - e. Creating a City Guidebook
 - f. Find the Landmark Map Project
 - g. Hialeah Flag Project
 - h. Hialeah Trading Cards of Notable Figures
2. Continue collaborating with the committee to oversee the planning and execution of activities for the City of Hialeah Centennial Celebration, and request that the district develop a schedule of events and activities commencing on September 10, 2025, for the Hialeah K-12 schools; and
3. Present, if deemed feasible, a plan by the April 16, 2025, Academics, Innovation, Evaluation, & Technology Committee meeting.