

Ms. Luisa Santos, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-024 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR WALTER HALL

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Walter C. Hall, Principal of Leisure City K-8 Center, was named the 2025 Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Principal of the Year at an awards ceremony sponsored by the Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA) on April 17, 2025. This prestigious honor recognizes Mr. Hall's exceptional leadership, unwavering dedication to student achievement, and his transformative impact on school culture and community engagement.

Mr. Hall brings to his role as principal over 23 years of educational service, including eight years as a teacher and twelve years as an assistant principal at Miami Southridge, Homestead, and Miami Norland Senior High Schools. Since assuming leadership of Leisure City K-8 Center in 2019, Mr. Hall has spearheaded initiatives that led the school to its highest-ever academic performance, implemented an eight-period school day, and expanded rigorous academic pathways through dual enrollment with Miami Dade College and the Cambridge International Program.

Mr. Hall has broadened access to STEAM education, enhanced student engagement through arts and robotics, and fostered a leadership culture by mentoring teachers into instructional and administrative roles. He has strengthened the school's ties to the community by launching programs such as the Backpack Program and Mobile Food Market to combat food insecurity, and initiated family events like Daddy-Daughter and Mother-Son dances, reinforcing the school as a hub of unity, joy, and belonging.

Mr. Hall's leadership extends beyond academics—he is a visible, compassionate presence, greeting students daily by name, mentoring youth through crises, and comforting families in times of tragedy. His professional excellence is further evidenced by recognitions such as the Florida Tax Watch Principal Leadership Award, the Cahn Fellowship Program, and his participation in leadership programs at FIU and Harvard University, as well as his service as CEO of The Coleman Foundation and advisory roles with Caring for Miami and Raising a Village Foundation.

This resolution proudly honors and commends Principal Walter C. Hall for his outstanding service, extraordinary contributions to education, and his well-deserved recognition as the 2025 Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Principal of the Year. Principal Walter C. Hall stands as a model of educational leadership, visionary, community-centered, and driven by the belief that all children deserve to be seen, challenged, and nurtured.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 25-024 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Walter Hall as Miami-Dade County Public Schools' 2025 Principal of the Year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-024 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MR. WALTER C. HALL AS THE 2025 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS'
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Walter C. Hall, Principal of Leisure City K-8 Center, was named the 2025 Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Principal of the Year at an awards ceremony sponsored by the Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA) on April 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor recognizes Mr. Hall's exceptional leadership, unwavering dedication to student achievement, and his transformative impact on school culture and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall brings to his role of principal over 23 years of educational service, including eight years as a teacher and twelve years as an assistant principal at Miami Southridge, Homestead, and Miami Norland Senior High Schools; and

WHEREAS, since assuming leadership of Leisure City K-8 Center in 2019, Mr. Hall has spearheaded initiatives that led the school to its highest-ever academic performance, implemented an eight-period school day, and expanded rigorous academic pathways through dual enrollment with Miami Dade College and the Cambridge International Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall has broadened access to STEAM education, enhanced student engagement through arts and robotics, and fostered a leadership culture by mentoring teachers into instructional and administrative roles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall has strengthened the school's ties to the community by launching programs such as the Backpack Program and Mobile Food Market to combat food insecurity, and initiated family events like Daddy-Daughter and Mother-Son dances, reinforcing the school as a hub of unity, joy, and belonging; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall's leadership extends beyond academics—he is a visible, compassionate presence, greeting students daily by name, mentoring youth through crises, and comforting families in times of tragedy; and

WHEREAS, his professional excellence is further evidenced by recognitions such as the Florida Tax Watch Principal Leadership Award, the Cahn Fellowship Program, and his participation in leadership programs at FIU and Harvard University, as well as his service as CEO of The Coleman Foundation and advisory roles with Caring for Miami and Raising a Village Foundation; and

WHEREAS, this resolution proudly honors and commends Principal Walter C. Hall for his outstanding service, extraordinary contributions to education, and his well-deserved recognition as the 2025 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Principal Walter C. Hall stands as a model of educational leadership, visionary, community-centered, and driven by the belief that all children deserve to be seen, challenged, and nurtured;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 25-024 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Walter C. Hall as named the 2025 Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Principal of the Year.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of June, A.D. 2025

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary