

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-025 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) SIGNING DAY AS STUDENTS ENTER POST-SECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, & INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

In 2010, the State of Florida enacted legislation under Florida Statute Section 1001.43 (14) recognizing the importance of promoting student academic and career achievement. The intent of the legislature was for school districts to bestow the same level of recognition to the state’s academic and career scholars as to its athletic scholars. The School Board of Miami-Dade County codified the actions of the legislation in School Board Policy, *5451 Student Recognitions*, by celebrating the academic and career achievement of students declaring a “College and Career Decision Day.” The purpose of the policy is to “recognize high school seniors for their postsecondary education plans, to encourage early preparation for college, and to encourage students to pursue advanced career pathways through the attainment of industry certification for which there are statewide college credit articulation agreements.”

Recognizing students who choose to attend post-secondary technical colleges is a powerful way to celebrate diverse career pathways and highlight the importance of skilled trades in our society. These students are making purposeful decisions to pursue hands-on, high-demand careers that are essential to our communities and economy. By celebrating their commitment, whether through ceremonies, public announcements, or scholarships, the School Board is sending a strong message that all post-secondary paths, including technical education, are valuable and worthy of recognition.

Governor Ron DeSantis has set a goal for Florida to become the number one state in workforce education by 2030. This goal is part of a larger initiative to ensure Florida’s workforce is prepared for jobs of the future and to strengthen the state’s economy. By recognizing and celebrating high school seniors for their postsecondary plans to pursue advanced career pathways through the attainment of industry certification, The School Board of Miami-Dade County supports this goal through awareness and promotion of its Career Technical Education (CTE) programs.

Furthermore, recognizing students who choose to attend postsecondary technical colleges directly supports the district's strategic plan, including Pillar 1, *Relevant, Rigorous, and Innovative Academics*; Objective 3, increase the percentage of students enrolled in Career and

Technical Education (CTE) courses by 5%; and Pillar 2, *Safe, Healthy, & Supportive Learning Environments*; Objective 2, provide secondary learners additional postsecondary career pathways by doubling the number of students, in grades 9-12, dual-enrolled in career technical education courses at M-DCPS Technical Colleges. A Career Technical Education Signing Day provides similar recognition to students graduating with a relevant, viable post-secondary plan to enter Miami-Dade County Public School technical colleges, mirroring the celebration of athletes and academic scholars.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR

MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 25-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami-Dade County Public Schools Career Technical Education (CTE) Signing Day as students enter post-secondary technical education.