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SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT AND CELEBRATION OF OCTOBER 2025 AS NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Principals are among the hardest working individuals in education. Principals set the academic tone for their schools, and it is their vision, devotion, and determination that provide the mobilizing force for achieving student success. School principals set the academic climate for their schools and the vision, commitment, dedication, and will power of a principal delivers the mobilizing energy behind any school reform effort.

Principals are expected to be instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations specialists, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs supervisors, and custodians of various legal, contractual and policy directives and initiatives. They are entrusted with the education and development of young people, our most valuable resources.

October is designated annually as National Principals Month to recognize the essential role that principals play in school achievement and student success. A nationwide celebration of the principalship, National Principals Month, is an initiative of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), and the American Federation of School Administrators (AFSA). However, the most important National Principals Month celebrations are the ones that will take place in schools and communities across Miami-Dade County.

This item seeks the School Board's endorsement and celebration of the month of October 2025 as National Principals Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). The manner of celebrations will vary, but organizations, community groups, the PTA/PTSA, labor unions, the Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA), School Board Members, elected officials, the Superintendent, the administration, the media, and our students should be encouraged to celebrate the outstanding work and commitment of our school principals.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse and celebrate October 2025 as National Principals Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.