Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting August 12, 2025

August 6, 2025

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

Co-Sponsors: Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair
Mr. Roberto J. Alonso
Mr. Danny Espino
Dr. Steve Gallon III
Ms. Luisa Santos

ADDED

SUBJECT: **SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF "ETHICAL GOVERNANCE DAY 2025" IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS) ON OCTOBER 16, 2025, SPONSORED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST**

COMMITTEE: **FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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

The Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (Ethics Commission) is dedicated to bolstering public trust in the administration of government by informing the public and private sectors about the laws and seeking strict compliance with them. Established in 1996, the Ethics Commission is an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers that extends to the municipalities of Miami-Dade County.

The Ethics Commission is committed to public education, training, and community outreach, including educational programs for students. As future voters and community leaders, the Ethics Commission recognizes the critical importance of providing students with the necessary tools to becoming responsible and ethical citizens. Through its model "Model Student Ethics" program, the Ethics Commission has provided senior high schools students with opportunities to analyze ethical dilemmas and to learn how to make ethical choices and decisions.

In the fall of 2021, the Ethics Commission further expanded its outreach programs for students by sponsoring the first "Ethical Governance Day" at senior high schools in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Building on this success, the Ethics Commission is once again inviting various public agencies, professional associations, and private businesses to participate in the program. On "Ethical Governance Day 2025," civic and community leaders, elected officials, academic and political professionals, attorneys, and other public servants will serve as guest speakers in American Government classrooms across M-DCPS. "Ethical Governance Day 2025" will take place on October 16, 2025. This year's theme is "Ethics Empowered."

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 "Ethical Governance Day 2025" to take place on October 16, 2025, in Miami-Dade County Public Schools sponsored by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust.

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