Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of October 8, 2025

October 1, 2025

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

Co-Sponsors: Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair
Mr. Roberto J. Alonso
Ms. Mary Blanco
Mr. Danny Espino
ADDED

SUBJECT: **MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF *NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY*, NOVEMBER 1, 2025**

COMMITTEE: **PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

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

National Family Literacy Day, celebrated across the United States, focuses on special activities and events that showcase the importance of family literacy programs. In 1994, the United States Congress issued Joint Resolution 413 declaring *National Family Literacy Day*. Ever since 1994, this day is dedicated to fostering literacy within families and encouraging reading as a shared activity, serving as a powerful reminder of the role that parents, caregivers, and communities play in developing a lifelong love of learning.

Families often find themselves having to deal with financial and health worries, among other things, but this observance should give parents the opportunity to nurture meaningful and positive interactions with their children through literary activities. Furthermore, in a digital age, the 2025 celebration embraces technology in new and inclusive ways. Virtual read-alongs connect families separated by distance, while interactive reading apps and online storytelling sessions ensure that literacy is accessible for all. Schools may host "Literacy Nights" where families can explore learning stations, take home books, and even record their own stories to share.

Family literacy is about family members enhancing and improving reading skills with activities they do together. Family literacy incorporates a variety of tools such as books with words, picture books, storytelling, reading software, dramatic plays, and many more. Components of good family literacy programs involve the entire family, with children of all ages, parents, siblings, grandparents, etc., regardless of each family member's reading ability and the language spoken at home. Research has shown that when families read together, learning happens, and unforgettable memories are made that will last a lifetime.

National Family Literacy Day 2025 is more than a day of celebration, it is a nationwide reaffirmation of the belief that literacy begins at home and grows through love, encouragement, and shared experiences. As families turn the pages together, they are not just reading stories, they are writing their own.

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 *National Family Literacy Day*, November 1, 2025, in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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