

Mr. Joseph Geller, School Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-059 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MR. ISRAEL SOSA FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND DEDICATION TO PUBLIC EDUCATION

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Mr. Israel R. Sosa's lifelong dedication to education began at eighteen years old, when he stepped into the classroom as a teacher's assistant in September 1977, at the same New York City public school where his mother taught first grade. He also worked as a part-time custodian at the school after hours.

After completing his degree in Health Science, Mr. Sosa returned to his alma mater in Jersey City, New Jersey, where he served as a high school health teacher and evening Adult Education instructor. During this period of time, he earned a master's degree in English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education.

After relocating to Miami in 1995, Mr. Sosa served as an ESOL teacher and ESOL Department Chair at Kinloch Park Middle School. He also worked for the Department of Bilingual Education and World Languages as a Parent Outreach Program Facilitator and a Vocational English for Speakers of Other Languages (VESOL) teacher at Robert Morgan Senior High School. He later joined the Department of Professional Development as a Beginning Teacher Mentor at North Miami Elementary School.

Mr. Sosa then transitioned into school leadership, serving as Assistant Principal at Westview Middle School, completing a transitional year Lawton Chiles Middle School, and ultimately moving on to Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K–8 Center, where he dedicated fourteen years of service to students, families, staff, and the Bay Harbor community until his retirement. Mr. Sosa's commitment to public education is reflected in own personal life. His own children are proud products of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and three of them will be attending Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K–8.

This profound personal connection to public education has shaped his perspective, fueled his advocacy, and strengthened his unwavering commitment to every child's potential. In honor of his retirement, the School Board of Miami-Dade County thanks Mr. Israel R. Sosa for his decades of service, leadership, and dedication to public education.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. JOSEPH GELLER:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 25—059 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Israel Sosa for his decades of service, leadership, and dedication to public education.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-059 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MR. ISRAEL SOSA FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND
DEDICATION TO PUBLIC EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, Mr. Israel R. Sosa’s lifelong dedication to education began at eighteen years old, when he stepped into the classroom as a teacher’s assistant in September 1977, at the same New York City public school where his mother taught first grade. He also worked as a part-time custodian at the school after hours, and;

WHEREAS, after completing his degree in Health Science, Mr. Sosa returned to his alma mater in Jersey City, New Jersey, where he served as a high school health teacher and evening Adult Education instructor. During this period of time, he earned a master’s degree in English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education, and;

WHEREAS, After relocating to Miami in 1995, Mr. Sosa served as an ESOL teacher and ESOL Department Chair at Kinloch Park Middle School. He also worked for the Department of Bilingual Education and World Languages as a Parent Outreach Program Facilitator and a Vocational English for Speakers of Other Languages (VESOL) teacher at Robert Morgan Senior High School. He later joined the Department of Professional Development as a Beginning Teacher Mentor at North Miami Elementary School, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Sosa then transitioned into school leadership, serving as Assistant Principal at Westview Middle School, completing a transitional year Lawton Chiles Middle School, and ultimately moving on to Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K–8 Center, where he dedicated fourteen years of service to students, families, staff, and the Bay Harbor community until his retirement. Mr. Sosa’s commitment to public education is reflected in own personal life. His own children are proud products of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and three of them will be attending Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K–8; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 25—059 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Israel Sosa for his decades of service, leadership, and dedication to public education.

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

Presented this seventeenth day of December, A.D. 2025

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary