

Dr. Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL'S "NO MORE BROKEN HEARTS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORKSHOP" IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

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

For more than two decades, the *No More Broken Hearts Domestic Violence Workshop* has stood as a beacon of compassion, advocacy, and action within Miami-Dade County. The workshop was founded by Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall during her tenure as a school principal, after witnessing firsthand the painful realities faced by employees who were suffering in silence at the hands of domestic violence.

Moved by a deep sense of responsibility and care for the well-being of her staff and community, Dr. Bendross-Mindingall transformed concern into action—creating a safe, affirming space where survivors could find support, resources, and hope. What began as a response to an urgent human need has grown into a trusted, widely respected annual event that continues to save lives, restore dignity, and strengthen families.

The *No More Broken Hearts Domestic Violence Workshop* is an all-day event designed to meet survivors and community members where they are: emotionally, physically, and socially. The workshop brings together service providers, advocates, artists, and volunteers to create an environment that is both informative and healing. Key components include but are not limited to: Survivor-Centered Programming, Wraparound Services, Educational Exhibits, Community Wellness and Engagement, and Holistic Healing Environments.

This item seeks to recognize and affirm the long-standing impact of Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall's *No More Broken Hearts Domestic Violence Workshop*, an annual community-centered initiative that has served survivors of domestic violence for over 26 years, while highlighting its comprehensive wraparound services, survivor-centered programming, and holistic approach to healing, awareness, and prevention.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. formally recognize and commend Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall for her visionary leadership and 26 years of dedicated service through the *No More Broken Hearts Domestic Violence Workshop*, and reaffirm its commitment to supporting initiatives that promote safety, dignity, healing, and well-being for all members of the community;
2. direct the Superintendent to recognize February 28, 2026, across Miami-Dade County Public Schools as “No More Broken Hearts Day”, to raise awareness about domestic violence, honor survivors, promote prevention and education, and reaffirm the District’s collective responsibility to foster safe, supportive, and compassionate learning and working environments for all.