

Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-006 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE DEAF/HARD OF HEARING (D/HH) PROGRAM AND STUDENTS FROM PALM SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL, BARBARA GOLEMAN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is committed to providing a world-class education that fosters independence and academic excellence for all students, including those who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Students in the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Program have earned national recognition for their exceptional talents. Highlights include a middle school student from Palm Springs Middle School who performed the Pledge of Allegiance in American Sign Language (ASL) at the Orange Bowl Game, a junior from Barbara Goleman Senior High School who delivered a moving rendition of *America the Beautiful* at the College Football Playoff National Championship, and a senior from Miami Palmetto Senior High School who performed the *Star-Spangled Banner* in ASL.

These achievements exemplify the program's mission to transform students' educational experiences by equipping them with self-advocacy skills, confidence, and the tools necessary to navigate the world successfully and independently. Through comprehensive educational audiology services and cutting-edge hearing technologies, M-DCPS ensures that every student has the clarity and access needed to fully engage in learning, opening pathways to discovery and lifelong success. Educational Interpreters play a vital role as conduits for expression and learning, enabling students who use ASL to actively participate in all aspects of school life, including core instruction, extracurricular activities, field trips, and specialized initiatives such as Project Victory.

Part of the Office of Educational Services and Exceptional Student Education, the D/HH Program fosters a strong sense of community and belonging. Traditions such as Signing Santa and the Annual D/HH Picnic help build social-emotional resilience, lifelong friendships, and supportive networks that empower students to thrive beyond the classroom. The dedication of D/HH faculty, staff, and families creates a vibrant, inclusive environment that recognizes, celebrates, and amplifies the limitless potential of every student, promoting independence, self-advocacy, and academic excellence.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proudly recognizes the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program and its talented students, whose remarkable performances have showcased their abilities on the national stage. We celebrate their achievements and commend the dedicated professionals and families whose vital support empowers each student to thrive and reach their highest potential.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. ROBERTO J. ALONSO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-006 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the American Sign Language Department and students from Palm Springs Middle School, Barbara Goleman Senior High School, and Miami Palmetto Senior High School

RESOLUTION NO. 26-006
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE DEAF/HARD OF HEARING (D/HH) PROGRAM AND STUDENTS FROM PALM SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL, BARBARA GOLEMAN SENIOR HIGH, AND MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is committed to providing a world-class education that fosters independence and academic excellence for all students, including those who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing; and

WHEREAS, students in the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Program have earned national recognition for their exceptional talents. Highlights include a middle school student from Palm Springs Middle School who performed the Pledge of Allegiance in American Sign Language (ASL) at the Orange Bowl Game, a junior from Barbara Goleman Senior High School who delivered a moving rendition of *America the Beautiful* at the College Football Playoff National Championship, and a senior from Miami Palmetto Senior High School who performed the *Star-Spangled Banner* in ASL; and

WHEREAS, these achievements exemplify the program's mission to transform students' educational experiences by equipping them with self-advocacy skills, confidence, and the tools necessary to navigate the world successfully and independently; and

WHEREAS, through comprehensive educational audiology services and cutting-edge hearing technologies, M-DCPS ensures that every student has the clarity and access needed to fully engage in learning, opening pathways to discovery and lifelong success. Educational Interpreters play a vital role as conduits for expression and learning, enabling students who use ASL to actively participate in all aspects of school life, including core instruction, extracurricular activities, field trips, and specialized initiatives such as Project Victory; and

WHEREAS, part of the Office of Educational Services and Exceptional Student Education, the D/HH Program fosters a strong sense of community and belonging. Traditions such as Signing Santa and the Annual D/HH Picnic help build social-emotional resilience, lifelong friendships, and supportive networks that empower students to thrive beyond the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of D/HH faculty, staff, and families creates a vibrant, inclusive environment that recognizes, celebrates, and amplifies the limitless potential of every student, promoting independence, self-advocacy, and academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proudly recognizes the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program and its talented students, whose remarkable performances have showcased their abilities on the national stage. We celebrate their achievements and commend the dedicated professionals and families whose vital support empowers each student to thrive and reach their highest potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-006 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Program and students from Palm Springs Middle School, Barbara Goleman Senior High, and Miami Palmetto Senior High School.

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

Presented this eleventh day of February, A.D. 2026

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary