

Ms. Luisa Santos, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-014 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MR. KRISTIAN JOSE LUCIANO, 2027 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

The Rookie Teacher of the Year Award recognizes early-career educators who demonstrate a strong commitment to student engagement and academic excellence. On January 28, 2026, Mr. Kristian Jose Luciano was named the 2027 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Rookie Teacher of the Year, reflecting his professionalism, character, and meaningful contributions to the Gator community and the school district. Guided by the belief that students thrive when they feel both supported and challenged, Mr. Luciano has made a lasting impact as a Social Studies teacher at Homestead Middle School, where he serves as Social Sciences Department Chair, International Baccalaureate (IB) School Site Lead Teacher, and sponsor of the National Junior Honor Society.

Mr. Luciano's dedication to instructional excellence is evidenced by his use of data-driven strategies and differentiated learning techniques, which led his students to a remarkable 14-percentage-point increase on the 2025 Civics End-of-Course (EOC) examination. Beyond his classroom achievements, he fosters a culture of continuous improvement by mentoring colleagues and facilitating collaborative planning. His commitment to service also extends into the broader community, where he advocates for foster children as a Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem and participates in Leadership Miami to support local youth initiatives.

A proud product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and a first-generation college student, Mr. Luciano earned both a bachelor's and a master's degree in political science from Florida State University, maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA during his graduate studies. His exemplary service has earned him further accolades, including being named the South Region Rookie Teacher of the Year (2026), the Marlins MVP Teacher of the Year (2025), the Gator Greatness Award recipient (2024), and a Rookie Teacher of the Year nominee (2024).

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honors and celebrates Mr. Kristian Jose Luciano for being named the 2027 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Rookie Teacher of the Year. The School Board commends him for his outstanding contributions, exceptional character, and unwavering commitment to education and community service. We express our sincere appreciation for Mr. Luciano's leadership, dedication, and service to the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and extend our best wishes for his continued success and lasting impact in the field of education.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. LUISA SANTOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-014 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Kristian Jose Luciano, 2027 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Rookie Teacher of The Year.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
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ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Rookie Teacher of the Year Award recognizes early-career educators who demonstrate a strong commitment to student engagement and academic excellence. On January 28, 2026, Mr. Kristian Jose Luciano was named the 2027 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Rookie Teacher of the Year, reflecting his professionalism, character, and meaningful contributions to the Gator community and the school district. Guided by the belief that students thrive when they feel both supported and challenged, Mr. Luciano has made a lasting impact as a Social Studies teacher at Homestead Middle School, where he serves as Social Sciences Department Chair, International Baccalaureate (IB) School Site Lead Teacher, and sponsor of the National Junior Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Luciano's dedication to instructional excellence is evidenced by his use of data-driven strategies and differentiated learning techniques, which led his students to a remarkable 14-percentage-point increase on the 2025 Civics End-of-Course (EOC) examination. Beyond his classroom achievements, he fosters a culture of continuous improvement by mentoring colleagues and facilitating collaborative planning. His commitment to service also extends into the broader community, where he advocates for foster children as a Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem and participates in Leadership Miami to support local youth initiatives; and

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WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honors and celebrates Mr. Kristian Jose Luciano for being named the 2027 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Rookie Teacher of the Year. The School Board commends him for his outstanding contributions, exceptional character, and unwavering commitment to education and community service. We express our sincere appreciation for Mr. Luciano's leadership, dedication, and service to the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and extend our best wishes for his continued success and lasting impact in the field of education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-014 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Kristian Jose Luciano, 2027 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Rookie Teacher of the Year.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of March, A.D. 2026

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary