

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-030 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) SIGNING DAY AS STUDENTS ENTER POST-SECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEE:               ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:                       RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, & INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

In 2010, the State of Florida enacted legislation under Florida Statute Section 1001.43 (14) recognizing the importance of promoting student academic and career achievement. The intent of the legislature was for school districts to bestow the same level of recognition to the state's academic and career scholars as to its athletic scholars. The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools codified the actions of the legislation in School Board Policy, 5451 Student Recognitions, by celebrating the academic and career achievement of students declaring a "College and Career Decision Day." The purpose of the policy is to "recognize high school seniors for their postsecondary education plans, to encourage early preparation for college, and to encourage students to pursue advanced career pathways through the attainment of industry certification for which there are statewide college credit articulation agreements."

Recognizing students who choose to pursue post-secondary education at technical colleges is a meaningful way to honor diverse career pathways and emphasize the vital role of skilled trades in our society. These students are making intentional and forward-thinking decisions to enter hands-on, high-demand professions that are essential to the strength of our communities and economy. By acknowledging their commitment through ceremonies, public recognition, or scholarship opportunities, the School Board reinforces the message that all post-secondary pathways, including technical and career education, are valuable, respected, and deserving of celebration.

Governor Ron DeSantis has set a goal for Florida to become the number one state in workforce education by 2030. This goal is part of a larger initiative to ensure Florida's workforce is prepared for jobs of the future and to strengthen the state's economy. By recognizing and celebrating high school seniors for their postsecondary plans to pursue advanced career pathways through the attainment of industry certification, The School Board of Miami-Dade County supports this goal through awareness and promotion of its Career Technical Education (CTE) programs.

Furthermore, recognizing students who choose to attend postsecondary technical colleges directly supports the district's commitment to expanding student access to advanced career pathways and high-demand workforce education. Initiating a Career Technical Education Signing Day celebrates graduation milestones while actively accelerating student entry into viable, postsecondary career tracks at Miami-Dade County Public Schools Technical Colleges. By establishing this formal recognition, the School Board reinforces its overarching goal of fostering innovative academic opportunities and cultivating a highly skilled workforce prepared to fulfill essential economic and community needs. A Career Technical Education Signing Day provides similar recognition to students graduating with a relevant, viable post-secondary plan to enter Miami-Dade County Public School technical colleges, mirroring the celebration of athletes and academic scholars.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR**

**MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-030 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami-Dade County Public Schools Career Technical Education (CTE) Signing Day as students enter post-secondary technical education.

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**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the State of Florida enacted legislation under Florida Statute Section 1001.43 (14) recognizing the importance of promoting student academic and career achievement. The intent of the Legislature was for school districts to bestow the same level of recognition to the state's academic and career scholars as to its athletic scholars;

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Miami-Dade County codified the actions of the legislation in School Board Policy, 5451 Student Recognitions, by celebrating the academic and career achievement of students declaring a College and Career Decision Day;

**WHEREAS**, recognizing students who choose to attend post-secondary technical colleges is a powerful way to celebrate diverse career pathways and highlight the importance of skilled trades in our society. These students are making purposeful decisions to pursue hands-on, high demand careers that are essential to our communities and economy;

**WHEREAS**, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has set a goal for Florida to become the number one state in workforce education by 2030. This goal is part of a larger initiative to ensure Florida's workforce is prepared for jobs of the future and to strengthen the state's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing students who choose to attend postsecondary technical colleges directly supports the district's commitment to expanding student access to advanced career pathways and high-demand workforce education. Initiating a Career Technical Education Signing Day celebrates graduation milestones while actively accelerating student entry into viable, postsecondary career tracks at Miami-Dade County Public Schools Technical Colleges.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-030 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami-Dade County Public Schools Career Technical Education (CTE) Signing Day as students enter post-secondary technical education.

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

**Presented this seventeenth day of June, A. D. 2026**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary