

Mr. Danny Espino, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-0033 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. STEVE GALLON III FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida takes great pride in recognizing Dr. Steve Gallon III for his extraordinary career in public education and his distinguished service as a member of the Miami-Dade County School Board.

A lifelong educator, community advocate, and champion for children, Dr. Gallon has dedicated more than 30 years to advancing educational opportunities and improving student outcomes. Born and raised in Miami's Liberty City community and a proud product of public education, he became the first among his six siblings to graduate from college, earning a bachelor's degree in English Education from Florida A&M University with Magna Cum Laude honors. He later earned both a master's degree and doctorate in Educational Leadership and Administration from Florida International University and completed advanced leadership studies at both Harvard University and Stanford University.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Gallon served in virtually every level of educational leadership, beginning as a classroom teacher and subsequently serving as an assistant principal, principal, district administrator, superintendent, and elected school board member. Widely recognized for his expertise in school improvement and district turnaround efforts, he earned a reputation as a transformational leader committed to academic excellence, accountability, and educational equity.

In November 2016, the residents of District 1 elected Dr. Gallon to the Miami-Dade County School Board, where he would go on to serve multiple terms representing the students, families, educators, and communities of North Miami-Dade. During his tenure, he consistently advocated for initiatives designed to strengthen academic achievement, expand career and technical education opportunities, improve school facilities, enhance athletic programs, promote financial literacy education, support student health and wellness, and increase community engagement in public schools. He was re-elected by voters in 2020 and again in 2024, reflecting the confidence and trust placed in his leadership by the communities he served.

Dr. Gallon's influence extended beyond Miami-Dade County through his service with the National School Boards Association's Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE), where he was elected Chair of the National Steering Committee and became a leading voice for urban public school districts throughout the nation. In recognition of his decades of educational leadership and service, he received the prestigious Benjamin Elijah Mays Lifetime Achievement Award, one of the highest honors bestowed upon school board members serving urban communities.

Throughout his career, Dr. Gallon remained steadfast in his belief that public education serves as the cornerstone of opportunity and social mobility. Whether serving students in the classroom, leading schools and districts, or shaping policy as an elected official, he consistently worked to ensure that every child—regardless of background or circumstance—had access to a high-quality education and the opportunity to achieve their fullest potential.

Dr. Gallon's legacy is reflected not only in the policies he championed and the schools he served, but also in the countless students, educators, and families whose lives have been positively impacted by his leadership. His unwavering dedication to public education, commitment to educational excellence, and decades of service have left an enduring mark on Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the broader educational community.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, hereby recognizes and honors Dr. Steve Gallon III for his distinguished career as an educator, educational leader, and School Board Member, and expresses its sincere gratitude for his lasting contributions to the students, families, and communities of Miami-Dade County.

This good cause agenda item has been added to recognize and honor Dr. Steve Gallon III's distinguished service to the Miami-Dade County School Board and his longstanding contributions to public education, as he prepares to conclude his tenure on the Board to pursue election as a Miami-Dade County Commissioner. The Board is presented with this item to formally acknowledge his service and ensure timely recognition of his impact on the District and the community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. DANNY ESPINO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-033 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Steve Gallon III.

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-033 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. STEVE GALLON III**

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, takes great pride in recognizing Dr. Steve Gallon III for his extraordinary career in public education and his distinguished service as a member of the Miami-Dade County School Board; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong educator, community advocate, and champion for children, Dr. Gallon has dedicated more than 30 years to advancing educational opportunities and improving student outcomes. Born and raised in Miami's Liberty City community and a proud product of public education, he became the first among his six siblings to graduate from college, earning a bachelor's degree in English Education from Florida A&M University with Magna Cum Laude honors. He later earned both a master's degree and doctorate in Educational Leadership and Administration from Florida International University and completed advanced leadership studies at both Harvard University and Stanford University; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Gallon served in virtually every level of educational leadership, beginning as a classroom teacher and subsequently serving as an assistant principal, principal, district administrator, superintendent, and elected school board member. Widely recognized for his expertise in school improvement and district turnaround efforts, he earned a reputation as a transformational leader committed to academic excellence, accountability, and educational equity; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-033 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Steve Gallon III.

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

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST

Secretary