

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-034 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. ALEXIS MARTINEZ**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
PLAN: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS, & STAFF**

The remarkable career of Dr. Alexis Martinez stands as a testament to nearly four decades of exemplary service, visionary leadership, and unwavering dedication to public education. As he retires, his enduring contributions have left an indelible mark on Miami-Dade County Public Schools and on the countless lives he has influenced throughout his distinguished career.

Throughout his career, Dr. Martinez has led with honesty, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to doing what is right for students and families. He has served in a number of different capacities, starting as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, region administrative director, district administrative director in school operations and facilities operations, region superintendent, and assistant superintendent. He has consistently approached every challenge with thoughtfulness, professionalism, and an extraordinary ability to bring people together.

One of the most remarkable chapters of his career came early on, when he served as Acting Director of Educational Operations for Operation Sea Signal at the U. S. Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In that role, the U.S. Department of State called upon the assistance of Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide educational services during the 1993 rafter migration crisis for more than 5,000 Cuban and Haitian children, intercepted at sea as families were seeking asylum in the United States. Entrusted with this extraordinary mission, he established and opened a fully functioning school at the military base, recruiting teachers, counselors, and support staff to ensure students received not only a quality education but also the emotional and social support they desperately needed. It was an undertaking that demanded exceptional leadership, strategic vision, and unwavering compassion. By creating a safe and nurturing learning environment during one of the most uncertain periods of these children's lives, he helped restore a sense of stability, dignity, and hope. Those same qualities, visionary leadership, humanity, and an enduring commitment to serving others, have remained the defining hallmarks of his distinguished career.

Dr. Martinez is widely respected for his intellect and strategic thinking, but those who know him best will tell you that his greatest strength is his character. He is a good man. He treats people with respect, listens carefully, leads with humility, and genuinely cares about others. In a profession where relationships matter, Dr. Martinez has earned the admiration, trust, and friendship of colleagues across every level of this school district.

His accomplishments are many, but perhaps his greatest legacy is the positive impact he has had on people. He has mentored leaders, supported schools, solved complex challenges, and helped make this District stronger. Along the way, he has earned something that cannot be listed on a résumé: the affection and respect of so many who have had the privilege of working alongside him.

On behalf of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools family, and the countless students, families, colleagues, and community members whose lives have been enriched by his leadership, we extend our deepest gratitude to Dr. Alexis Martinez for 38 years of exemplary service. We wish him continued health, happiness, and every success as he embarks on this well-deserved new chapter.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approves Resolution No. 26-034 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the retirement of Dr. Alexis Martinez.

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-034 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. ALEXIS MARTINEZ**

WHEREAS, Dr. Alexis Martinez retired from Miami-Dade County Public Schools, after nearly four decades of service leaving an indelible mark on Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the countless lives he has touched along the way;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martinez has led with honesty, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to doing what is right for students and families. He has served in a number of different capacities, starting as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, region administrative director, district administrative director in school operations and facilities operations, region superintendent, and assistant superintendent;

WHEREAS, one of the most remarkable chapters of his career came early on, when he served as Acting Director of Educational Operations for Operation Sea Signal at the U. S. Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In that role, the U.S. Department of State called upon the assistance of Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide educational services during the 1993 rafter migration crisis for more than 5,000 Cuban and Haitian children intercepted at sea as families were seeking asylum in the United States;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martinez is widely respected for his intellect and strategic thinking, but those who know him best will tell you that his greatest strength is his character

WHEREAS, he has mentored leaders, supported schools, solved complex challenges, and helped make this District stronger. Along the way, he has earned something that cannot be listed on a résumé: the affection and respect of so many who have had the privilege of working alongside him.

WHEREAS, his enduring legacy of educational excellence, integrity, and compassion will continue to inspire generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution NO. 26-034 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the retirement of Dr. Alexis Martinez.

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

Presented this twenty second day of July, A. D. 2026

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY