

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE CELEBRATION OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026, AS NATIONAL CUSTODIAL WORKER'S RECOGNITION DAY

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

On October 2nd, across the nation, National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day encourages gratitude and admiration for the employees who keep our schools and district offices clean and running in top shape.

Custodial employees play an essential yet often understated role in maintaining the cleanliness, safety, functionality, and appearance of facilities throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Working diligently throughout the year, these dedicated professionals ensure that school buildings remain clean, orderly, welcoming, and conducive to learning. Their efforts not only enhance the physical environment but also contribute to the overall experience of students, parents, staff, and community members who enter our facilities each day.

A well-maintained school environment creates a positive first impression and communicates a sense of pride, organization, and care. The condition of a school facility can also influence students' attitudes, mindset, and readiness to learn. By maintaining clean, organized, and inviting spaces, custodial staff help create an environment in which students can focus on their education and feel comfortable and supported. Through their daily efforts, custodians make significant contributions to the overall health, safety, and well-being of the M-DCPS community.

Recognizing custodial staff provides an important opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and invaluable contributions they make each day. By celebrating their service and hard work, M-DCPS fosters a culture of respect, appreciation, and inclusion, while reminding the entire educational community that every employee plays an important role in creating safe, welcoming, and successful learning environments.

Custodial staff are truly an indispensable part of the M-DCPS family, and their commitment deserves our sincere recognition and appreciation.

The item has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR

MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorses and celebrates Friday, October 2, 2026, as National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.