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

M-DCPS Office of Community Partnerships, Education, and Business Access continues to play an essential role in the success of the program. The Parent Academy, under School Leadership and Performance, works with school-site administrators, with Title I district staff, and with the Miami-Dade County PTA/PTSA, to actively involve the entire community in the Fathers in Education program. Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and male mentors have been invited to participate in the different activities initiated by this school district. They take time to read to students, share their experiences, stories, hobbies, or other interests with them. *Fathers in Action & Advocacy Week* offers workshops throughout the community regarding father and family engagement and skill building, as well as discussions of advocacy and legislative issues.

Fathers in Education Day and *Fathers in Action and Advocacy Week* are positive initiatives demonstrating that Miami-Dade County Public Schools has taken a leadership role in underscoring the importance of fathers and male role model engagement in all children's lives and in closing the academic achievement gap. Miami-Dade County Public Schools, with the full support of the School Board and the Superintendent, has become the frontrunner county in Florida and serves as a beacon for other school districts, creating a successful partnership with the Fatherhood Task Force of South Florida since 2014.

This 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 the celebration of the fourteenth anniversary of *Fathers in Education Day*, Thursday, September 17, 2026; and *Fathers in Action and Advocacy Week*, September 14 through September 18, 2026.