

Ms. Mary Blanco, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026 AS COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATIONS, EVALUATION, & TECHNOLOGY

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

On October 29, 2021, the White House declared a Proclamation on National College Application Month. This national initiative aimed at increasing the number of students pursuing a postsecondary degree. Every year, high school seniors engage in the college application process. College Application Month can serve as a celebration of the possibilities that postsecondary education provides for high school seniors. November 1st is the deadline for most colleges to receive applications. Applying on time ensures that applicants are considered for admission, often with a more favorable outcome, and earlier notification. This not only provides our students with an increased likelihood of admission offers and greater opportunities for scholarships but also allows them to receive early notifications and time to plan for their future. Endorsing October as College Application Month will contribute to a smoother, more successful transition from high school to college while highlighting the importance of postsecondary education.

This item has been approved by the General Counsel's Office for legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. MARY BLANCO:**

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida endorses October 2026 as College Application Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.