Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of October 14, 2026

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Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

CO-SPONSORS: **Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair**
Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall
Mr. Daniel Espino
Mr. Joseph S. Geller

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SUBJECT: **REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-047 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MS. ROSIE CORDERO-STUTZ, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SHERIFF**

COMMITTEE: **PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

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

Miami-Dade County Public Schools proudly recognizes and honors **Sheriff Rosie Cordero-Stutz** for her distinguished career in law enforcement, her commitment to public service, and her enduring dedication to the safety and well-being of the Miami-Dade County community. Her professional journey reflects a remarkable record of service, leadership, perseverance, and dedication to the residents and families she has served throughout nearly three decades in law enforcement.

In 1996, Sheriff Cordero-Stutz began her law enforcement career with the Metro-Dade Police Department. Following her graduation from the police academy, she served as a patrol officer in the Northside District, beginning a career dedicated to protecting and serving the residents of Miami-Dade County. Throughout her tenure, she gained extensive experience in patrol operations, investigations, supervision, administration, and community engagement, serving in a wide range of assignments, including the Robbery Bureau, Homicide Bureau, Professional Compliance Bureau, Economic Crimes Bureau, and other specialized areas of law enforcement.

Sheriff Cordero-Stutz continued to advance through the ranks of the department, assuming positions of increasing responsibility and leadership. In 2020, she was promoted to Police Division Chief of the North Operations Division, where she was responsible for the administration, operations, and management of several district operations. In 2022, she was promoted to Assistant Director of Support Services, overseeing critical functions including Communications, Central Records, Personnel Management, and Cyber Crimes. In 2024, she assumed additional executive responsibilities involving Investigative Services and Police Services, further broadening her leadership experience across the organization.

Her commitment to professional excellence has been demonstrated through her dedication to education and executive leadership development. Sheriff Cordero-Stutz earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Marist College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Florida International University. She is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the FBI National Executive Institute for Leadership, the Florida Police Chiefs STARS Program, the Police Executive Leadership Institute, and other executive leadership programs.

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On the national level, Sheriff Cordero-Stutz was appointed in 2025 to the FEMA Review Council, advising the President on FEMA's ability to effectively respond to disasters nationwide and recommending improvements to strengthen its mission. She also serves on the Major County

Sheriffs of America Legislative Committee, advocating for federal policies that enhance public safety. She is Co-Chair of the South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), a multi-agency effort to disrupt and dismantle major drug trafficking organizations. She is the Vice Chair of the Florida Sheriff's Association's Human Trafficking Committee.

Sheriff Cordero-Stutz has received multiple awards and recognition. In 2025, she received the 2025 President's Award from the Florida League of Prosecutors, and in 2026, she was named Latina Pioneer of the Year by Hispanic Women of Distinction. She has been recognized and included on the United States House of Representatives Congressional Record and selected for induction into the Miami-Dade County Women's Hall of Fame.

Sheriff Cordero-Stutz's historic path to the Office of the Sheriff coincided with a significant transformation in Miami-Dade County government. Following the adoption of Amendment 10 to the Florida Constitution in 2018, the office of Sheriff became an independent constitutional office in Miami-Dade County. On November 5, 2024, Rosanna "Rosie" Cordero-Stutz was elected Sheriff of Miami-Dade County.

On January 7, 2025, Sheriff Cordero-Stutz was sworn into office, becoming the first woman elected Sheriff of Miami-Dade County and the first Hispanic woman elected Sheriff in the State of Florida and in Miami-Dade County. Her installation also marked the return of the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office following nearly six decades in which the county's law enforcement agency operated as the Miami-Dade Police Department.

As sheriff, she has prioritized public safety, transparency, and organizational modernization. Her administration expanded the Public Corruption Section, added specialized investigators, and launched new reporting tools to combat condominium and homeowners' association fraud targeting seniors and vulnerable residents. These efforts have resulted in multiple arrests and ongoing investigations in coordination with state and federal partners. Under her leadership, Miami-Dade County has seen reductions in homicides, shootings, violent crimes, and property crimes, supported by intelligence-led policing, strategic enforcement operations, and increased firearm seizures.

For Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the significance of Sheriff Cordero-Stutz's career extends beyond her historic achievement. Her professional journey represents a life dedicated to public service and reflects the importance of education, perseverance, leadership, and opportunity. Her commitment to the community is particularly meaningful to the students and families of Miami-Dade County, whose safety, security, and well-being are shared priorities of our schools and our community's law enforcement partners.

The Miami-Dade County School Board proudly extends its sincere appreciation and highest regards to Sheriff Rosie Cordero-Stutz and the dedicated men and women of the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office for their continued commitment to public service and to the safety, security, and well-being of the community they proudly serve.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-047 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Rosie Cordero-Stutz, Miami-Dade County Sheriff.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-047 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MS. ROSIE CORDERO-STUTZ, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SHERIFF

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools proudly recognizes and honors Sheriff Rosie Cordero-Stutz for her distinguished career in law enforcement, her commitment to public service, and her enduring dedication to the safety and well-being of the Miami-Dade County community;

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2025, Sheriff Cordero-Stutz was sworn into office, becoming the first woman elected Sheriff of Miami-Dade County and the first Hispanic woman elected Sheriff in the State of Florida and in Miami-Dade County. Her installation also marked the return of the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office following nearly six decades in which the county's law enforcement agency operated as the Miami-Dade Police Department;

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cordero-Stutz earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Marist College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Florida International University. She is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the FBI National Executive Institute for Leadership, the Florida Police Chiefs STARS Program, the Police Executive Leadership Institute, and other executive leadership programs;

WHEREAS, on the national level, Sheriff Cordero-Stutz was appointed in 2025 to the FEMA Review Council, advising the President on FEMA's ability to effectively respond to disasters nationwide and recommending improvements to strengthen its mission. She also serves on the Major County Sheriffs of America Legislative Committee, advocating for federal policies that enhance public safety. She is also Co-Chair of the South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), a multi-agency effort to disrupt and dismantle major drug trafficking organizations. She is the Vice Chair of the Florida Sheriff's Association's Human Trafficking Committee; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cordero-Stutz has received multiple awards and recognition. In 2025, she received the 2025 President's Award from the Florida League of Prosecutors, and in 2026, she was named Latina Pioneer of the Year by Hispanic Women of Distinction. She has been recognized and included on the United States House of Representatives Congressional Record and selected for induction into the Miami-Dade County Women's Hall of Fame.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution NO. 26-047 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Rosie Codero-Stutz, Miami-Dade County Sheriff.

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

Presented on this fourteenth day of October, A. D. 2026

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY