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

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Ms. Luisa Santos, Board Member

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

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SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-045 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH DISTRICT 9 MAYORS**

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

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

Strong local governance and collaboration with municipal leaders are essential to creating safe, vibrant, and supportive environments for our students and families. Mayors play an important role in fostering civic engagement, promoting public safety, advancing sustainability, and investing in youth. Recognizing the connection between quality education and thriving neighborhoods, the School Board is committed to working alongside local leaders to support academic achievement, empower young people, and strengthen the communities we all call home.

In recognition of these shared goals, we proudly honor the following District 9 Mayors for their visionary leadership and dedicated partnership:

Mayor Joseph M. Corradino, of the Village of Pinecrest, has served his community since 2006 as a council member, certified urban planner, Planning and Zoning Board member, and Mayor since 2016. As President and CEO of The Corradino Group, his leadership in environmental innovation earned Pinecrest the 2025 Florida Municipal Achievement Award for Environmental Stewardship. A former leader of the American Planning Association, Miami-Dade League of Cities, ChamberSouth, Doral Business Council, and Economic Development Council of South Dade, Mayor Corradino exemplifies creative problem-solving and environmental stewardship.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham, of the Village of Palmetto Bay is a Miami native, Miami Palmetto Senior High School alumna, and retired 21-year United Teachers of Dade (UTD) educator who began her career teaching first grade before being elected Mayor in 2018. Committed to youth, education, and civic engagement, she has led initiatives including the Safe Schools Initiative, Kids Town Hall, Youth Advisory Board, Friday Intern Program, Annual Principals Breakfast, and Passive Park Initiative. A former President of the Miami-Dade League of Cities, Mayor Cunningham remains dedicated to community service and empowering youth.

Mayor Tim Meerbott, of the Town of Cutler Bay, is a lifelong resident and Miami Southridge Senior High School alum who helped establish the town's governance as an inaugural council member and Charter Committee Business Liaison in 2006 before being elected Mayor in 2018. With a background in business and a focus on sustainable development, urban planning, and coastal resilience, he co-created the South Dade Municipal Coalition and serves on the State's Biscayne Bay Commission and Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board. His environmental initiatives, including town golf cart green routes, reflect his commitment to community-focused governance.

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Mayor Steven D. Losner, of the City of Homestead, has served as Mayor since 2019 following his earlier tenure on the City Council from 2001 to 2007. A South Dade High School alum and local attorney practicing in Homestead since 1992, Mayor Losner has championed economic growth, public safety, and community infrastructure by expanding the police force, bringing new jobs to the area, and completing the Biscayne-Everglades Trailway and park improvements. An active Rotarian, he continues to promote sustainability and lower long-term energy costs through innovative waste-to-energy technologies.

Mayor Charlotte Thompson, of Florida City, is a South Dade Senior High School graduate and a retired Lieutenant with the Florida Highway Patrol, serving since 1990 before making history as the city's first female Mayor. Mayor Thompson's administration centers on public safety, youth engagement, financial literacy, and community development. Through her regular monthly food distribution drives and hands-on community workshops, she maintains a steadfast commitment to transparent communication, community empowerment, and supporting local families.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, hereby honors Mayors Joseph M. Corradino, Karyn Cunningham, Tim Meerbott, Steven D. Losner, and Charlotte Thompson for their extraordinary dedication to their municipalities, their unwavering support of public education, and their collaborative leadership in District 9.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MS. LUISA SANTOS:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-045 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing strong partnerships with District 9 Mayors.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-045
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH DISTRICT 9 MAYORS

WHEREAS, strong local governance and collaboration with municipal leaders are essential to creating safe, vibrant, and supportive environments for our students and families. Mayors play an important role in fostering civic engagement, promoting public safety, advancing sustainability, and investing in youth. Recognizing the connection between quality education and thriving neighborhoods, the School Board is committed to working alongside local leaders to support academic achievement, empower young people, and strengthen the communities we all call home; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these shared goals, we proudly honor the following District 9 Mayors for their visionary leadership and dedicated partnership:

WHEREAS, Mayor Joseph M. Corradino, of the Village of Pinecrest, has served his community since 2006 as a council member, certified urban planner, Planning and Zoning Board member, and Mayor since 2016. As President and CEO of The Corradino Group, his leadership in environmental innovation earned Pinecrest the 2025 Florida Municipal Achievement Award for Environmental Stewardship. A former leader of the American Planning Association, Miami-Dade League of Cities, ChamberSouth, Doral Business Council, and Economic Development Council of South Dade, Mayor Corradino exemplifies creative problem-solving and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Karyn Cunningham, of the Village of Palmetto Bay, is a Miami native, Miami Palmetto Senior High School alumna, and retired 21-year United Teachers of Dade (UTD) educator who began her career teaching first grade before being elected Mayor in 2018. Committed to youth, education, and civic engagement, she has led initiatives including the Safe Schools Initiative, Kids Town Hall, Youth Advisory Board, Friday Intern Program, Annual Principals Breakfast, and Passive Park Initiative, while establishing the town's Sustainability Coordinator position. A former President of the Miami-Dade League of Cities, Mayor Cunningham remains dedicated to community service and empowering youth; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Tim Meerbott, of the Town of Cutler Bay, is a lifelong resident and Miami Southridge Senior High School alum who helped establish the town's governance as an inaugural council member and Charter Committee Business Liaison in 2006 before being elected Mayor in 2018. With a background in business and a focus on sustainable development, urban planning, and coastal resilience, he co-created the South Dade Municipal Coalition and serves on the State's Biscayne Bay Commission and Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board. His environmental initiatives, including town golf cart green routes, reflect his commitment to community-focused governance; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Steven D. Losner, of the City of Homestead, has served as Mayor since 2019 following his earlier tenure on the City Council from 2001 to 2007. A South Dade High School alum and local attorney practicing in Homestead since 1992, Mayor Losner has championed economic growth, public safety, and community infrastructure by expanding the police force, bringing new jobs to the area, and completing the Biscayne-Everglades Trailway and park improvements. An active Rotarian, he continues to promote sustainability and lower long-term energy costs through innovative waste-to-energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Charlotte Thompson, Mayor Charlotte Thompson, of Florida City, is a South Dade Senior High School graduate and a retired Lieutenant with the Florida Highway Patrol, serving since 1990 before making history as the city's first female Mayor. Mayor Thompson's administration centers on public safety, youth engagement, financial literacy, and community development. Through her regular monthly food distribution drives and hands-on community workshops, she maintains a steadfast commitment to transparent communication, community empowerment, and supporting local families; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, hereby honors Mayor Joseph M. Corradino, Karyn Cunningham, Tim Meerbott, Steven D. Losner, and Charlotte Thompson for their extraordinary dedication to their municipalities, their unwavering support of public education, and their collaborative leadership in District 9;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-045 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing strong partnerships with District 9 Mayors.

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

Presented 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