Mr. Daniel Espino, Board Member

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

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**SUBJECT:** **REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-046 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING CHIEF EDWIN LOPEZ FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

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

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

Chief Edwin Lopez brings 28 years of distinguished law enforcement experience to his service, including 25 years with the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department, where he served as Police Chief during the final four years of his tenure. In 2023, he assumed the position of Chief of Police for the City of Doral, serving the residents, businesses, and families of Doral with honor, professionalism, and unwavering dedication. In recognition of his distinguished career and proven record of leadership, Chief Lopez was named Chief of Police for the City of Miami in 2026, assuming command of one of South Florida's largest and most prominent law enforcement agencies.

Throughout his career, Chief Lopez has demonstrated exceptional leadership and an enduring commitment to public safety while fostering trust, collaboration, and meaningful relationships between law enforcement and the community. Under his leadership, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Department responded conscientiously to the crisis of confidence parents experienced following the unspeakable tragedy at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School, ushering in a new era of school policing in Miami-Dade County. In the City of Doral, he also set a new standard for community policing by cultivating partnerships with local schools, businesses, civic organizations, and residents, and ensuring that public safety efforts remained responsive to the community's needs and values. Now, in the City of Miami, under the City's leadership, Chief Lopez is diligently working to modernize Miami policing from communications and outreach to facilities and personnel training.

Chief Lopez has consistently championed a philosophy grounded in service, accessibility, transparency, and proactive engagement, further strengthening the relationship between the Police Department and the community it serves. His integrity, work ethic, and people-first approach have earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, elected officials, community partners, and residents. His tenure in the department has left and will continue to leave an enduring legacy of collaborative leadership, community partnership, and exemplary public service that will impact the residents of District 5 and beyond.

This resolution recognizes and extends our profound gratitude to Chief Edwin Lopez for his outstanding service, dedicated leadership, and lifelong commitment to law enforcement and public service. We offer our warmest wishes for his continued success and fulfillment in the next chapter of his career.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY**
**MR. DANIEL ESPINO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-046 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Chief Edwin Lopez for his distinguished leadership and service to the community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-046**
**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,**
**HONORING CHIEF EDWIN LOPEZ FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED**
**LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS,** Chief Edwin Lopez brings 28 years of distinguished law enforcement experience to his service, including 25 years with the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department, where he served as Police Chief during the final four years of his tenure. In 2023, he assumed the position of Chief of Police for the City of Doral, serving the residents, businesses, and families of Doral with honor, professionalism, and unwavering dedication. In recognition of his distinguished career and proven record of leadership, Chief Lopez was named Chief of Police for the City of Miami in 2026, assuming command of one of South Florida's largest and most prominent law enforcement agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout his career, Chief Lopez has demonstrated exceptional leadership and an enduring commitment to public safety while fostering trust, collaboration, and meaningful relationships between law enforcement and the community. Under his leadership, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Department responded conscientiously to the crisis of confidence parents experienced following the unspeakable tragedy at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School, ushering in a new era of school policing in Miami-Dade County. In the City of Doral, he also set a new standard for community policing by cultivating partnerships with local schools, businesses, civic organizations, and residents, and ensuring that public safety efforts remained responsive to the community's needs and values. Now, in the City of Miami, under the City's leadership, Chief Lopez is diligently working to modernize Miami policing from communications and outreach to facilities and personnel training; and

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**WHEREAS,** this resolution recognizes and extends our profound gratitude to Chief Edwin Lopez for his outstanding service, dedicated leadership, and lifelong commitment to law enforcement and public service, and offers our warmest wishes for continued success and fulfillment in the next chapter of his career;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-046 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Chief Edwin Lopez for his distinguished leadership and service to the community.

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