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

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Mr. Joseph Geller, School Board Member

CO-SPONSORS: **Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair**
Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair
Ms. Mary Blanco
Mr. Daniel Espino

REVISED AT DAIS BY BOARD ACTION

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-050 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS**

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

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

New World School of the Arts (NWSA) was established through a visionary educational partnership among Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami Dade College, and the University of Florida to place the visual and performing arts at the forefront of Miami's cultural identity. The school's rich legacy traces back to its foundational roots in the Performing and Visual Arts Center (PAVAC), whose pioneering students and dedicated faculty transitioned into NWSA upon its founding, receiving NWSA's first high school diplomas in 1988.

Prior to the founding of NWSA, South Florida's cultural landscape was in its early development, and NWSA served as a primary catalyst for the extraordinary cultural renaissance that followed, laying the groundwork for world-class theater companies, art galleries, ballet companies, orchestras, and cultural arts centers across Miami. Operating as a premier dual-enrollment institution, NWSA provides rigorous, dual-focused artistic and academic training to high school and college students, nurturing extraordinary talent across dance, music, theater, and visual arts.

Despite graduating a selective high school cohort of approximately 120 students each year, the impact of NWSA alumni is felt globally across industries—shaping culture, art, and executive leadership from Broadway to boardrooms. NWSA graduates have attained the highest levels of professional distinction, earning prestigious honors including Emmy, Tony, Grammy, and Oscar awards, while serving as creative visionaries, civic leaders, and cultural ambassadors worldwide.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County commends the NWSA faculty, staff, students, and alumni for four decades of artistic excellence, transformative education, and monumental contributions to the arts in Miami and beyond.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MR. JOSEPH GELLER: The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-050 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 40th Anniversary of New World School of the Arts.

REVISED REPLACEMENT
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-050 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

WHEREAS, New World School of the Arts (NWSA) was established through a visionary educational partnership among Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami Dade College, and the University of Florida to place the visual and performing arts at the forefront of Miami's cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, the school's rich legacy traces back to its foundational roots in the Performing and Visual Arts Center (PAVAC), whose pioneering students and dedicated faculty transitioned into NWSA upon its founding, receiving NWSA's first high school diplomas in 1988; and

WHEREAS, prior to the founding of NWSA, South Florida's cultural landscape was in its early development, and NWSA served as a primary catalyst for the extraordinary cultural renaissance that followed, laying the groundwork for world-class theater companies, art galleries, ballet companies, orchestras, and cultural arts centers across Miami; and

WHEREAS, operating as a premier dual-enrollment institution, NWSA provides rigorous, dual-focused artistic and academic training to high school and college students, nurturing extraordinary talent across dance, music, theater, and visual arts; and

WHEREAS, despite graduating a selective high school cohort of approximately 120 students each year, the impact of NWSA alumni is felt globally across industries—shaping culture, art, and executive leadership from Broadway to boardrooms; and

WHEREAS, NWSA graduates have attained the highest levels of professional distinction, earning prestigious honors including Emmy, Tony, Grammy, and Oscar awards, while serving as creative visionaries, civic leaders, and cultural ambassadors worldwide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-050 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 40th anniversary of New World School of the Arts.

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