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Board Meeting of October 14, 2026

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SUBJECT: **MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF *NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY*, NOVEMBER, 1, 2026**

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

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

National Family Literacy Day, celebrated across the United States, focuses on special activities and events that showcase the importance of family literacy programs. In 1994, the 103rd United States Congress issued Joint Resolution 413 declaring *National Family Literacy Day*. Ever since 1994, this day has been dedicated to fostering literacy within families and encouraging reading as a shared activity, serving as a powerful reminder of the role that parents, caregivers, and communities play in developing a lifelong love of learning.

Although families may face a wide range of personal, financial, health, and everyday challenges, this observance provides a valuable opportunity for parents and children to strengthen their relationships through shared literacy experiences. The 2026 celebration also recognizes the important role of technology in making reading and storytelling more engaging and accessible. Families can participate in virtual reading sessions, while digital literacy platforms, interactive reading applications, and online storytelling programs offer new ways for children and parents to learn together. Schools can further encourage family involvement by organizing “Literacy Nights” or “Community Literacy Gatherings” giving families and local communities opportunities to participate in hands-on activities, discover new books, and even create and record their own stories to share with others.

Effective family literacy initiatives welcome everyone in the household, young children, older children, parents, siblings, grandparents, and other caregivers, regardless of their individual literacy levels or the language they speak at home. When families participate in reading and storytelling together, they not only support children’s learning and development but also create meaningful experiences and lasting memories that can be treasured for years to come.

National Family Literacy Day 2026 is more than a day of celebration, it is a nationwide reaffirmation of the belief that literacy begins at home and grows through love, encouragement, and shared experiences. As families turn the pages together, they are not just reading stories, they are writing their own.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse *National Family Literacy Day*, Sunday, November 1, 2026, in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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