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Dear Tenth Grade Student:

Congratulations! Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is extremely proud of your accomplishments this past school year. You maintained a minimum 3.0 unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) during the 2022-2023 school year and obtained a score of 4 or above on the 2023 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) in English Language Arts (ELA) AND a score of 4 or above on the 2023 Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) exam OR obtained a final grade of A or B in a math course greater or equal to Algebra 2. Because of this success, we are encouraging you to participate in Dual Enrollment (DE) courses.

One way to prepare for college is by taking rigorous courses. DE courses allow you to take college classes with the prospect of concurrently receiving high school and college credit. There are several options available to students interested in participating in DE courses. All M-DCPS students who meet the eligibility criteria may enroll in DE courses during the fall, spring, and summer terms at Miami Dade College, Florida International University, and other eligible colleges/universities. Additionally, most M-DCPS high schools offer DE courses on their campuses, both during the school day and after school. Many high schools also have partnerships with eligible private institutions, including Florida Memorial University, Embry Riddle University, and St. Thomas University.

The School for Advanced Studies at Miami Dade College and the Academy for Advanced Academics at Florida International University also offer students in grades 11 and 12 an opportunity to avail themselves of these courses and take both high school and college courses on the college/university campuses.

Please be aware that in addition to meeting the minimum 3.0 GPA, there are other college entrance exam criteria that the colleges and universities will require. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Research has shown that students who participate in dual enrollment courses attain better grades in high school and are more successful in college once enrolled. For more information, make an appointment with your school's counselor or visit the Advanced Academic Programs website at: <http://advancedacademicprograms.dadeschools.net/>.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jose L. Dotres
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