Office of School Board Members July 7, 2017
Board Meeting of July 12, 2017

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

Co-Sponsors: Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member
Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member
Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member
Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member
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SUBJECT: **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF OCTOBER 2017 AS NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH**

COMMITTEE: **PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT**

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: **HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF**

Principals are among the hardest working, yet often least recognized individuals in education. Principals set the academic tone for their schools and the vision, commitment, dedication, and willpower of a principal delivers the mobilizing energy behind any school reform effort. Principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations specialists, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs supervisors, and custodians of various legal, contractual and policy directives and initiatives, as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people, our most valuable resources.

October is designated annually as National Principals Month to recognize the essential role that principals play in school achievement and student success. A nationwide celebration of the principalship, National Principals Month, is an initiative of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), and the American Federation of School Administrators (AFSA).

National Principals Month is a widely recognized celebration of the principalship, marked by national and state resolutions supporting the event, as well as acknowledgement from U. S. Senators and Representatives, and top government officials. However, the most important National Principals Month celebrations are the ones that will take place in schools and communities across Miami-Dade County.

This items seeks to celebrate the month of October 2017 as National Principals Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). The manner of celebrations will vary, but organizations, community groups, the PTA/PTSA, labor unions, the Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA), School Board Members, elected officials, the Superintendent, the administration, the media, and our students should be encouraged to celebrate the outstanding work and commitment of our principals.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse October 2017 as National Principals Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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