



WORKFORCE WIRE

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HOT OFF THE WIRE

The Miami-Dade School Board selected Dr. Jose L. Dotres as the next Superintendent to lead Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) at a special meeting on January 24.

A proud product of M-DCPS, Dr. Dotres began his educational career as a teacher and reading coach in 1988 at Frederick Douglass and South Pointe elementary schools. He then spent five years as the assistant principal at one of the District's first K-8 centers, M.A. Milam K-8 Center. In 2000, he became principal of Hialeah Gardens Elementary.

For the following eight years, Dr. Dotres served in various capacities, including administrator, region director, region superintendent, Chief of Staff and Chief Human Capital Officer.

Dr. Dotres succeeds Alberto M. Carvalho, who led the District for the past 14 years.

iLead

"iLead by example and by building relationships that inspire leaders to be vulnerable, reflective, and daring as they impact change and mold the head, heart, and hands of every child."

— Dr. Trynegwa Diggs
Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/
Instruction, Education Transformation Office

BODY & MIND

Set realistic goals! Some of us want to achieve the improbable in a very short period of time and are then disappointed when we fail. To ensure success and - more importantly - progress, break long-term goals into realistic and achievable short-term steps.

The 2023 Francisco R. Walker Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. The 2022 Rookie Teacher of the Year will also be announced at the ceremony. Click [here](#) to watch live.



ABOVE & BEYOND

Rosa Borges is a reading teacher and activities director at Miami Springs Middle. She is a committed team member who organizes school events with her personal time and funds. She cares deeply about her colleagues and is a devoted mentor to students. The team at Miami Springs Middle agrees that Ms. Borges embodies the school's mantra: **Pride, Excellence, Success.**

It's Testing Season

It is testing season at M-DCPS, and our colleagues at the Test Distribution Center (TDC) have been hard at work since the new year. Darma Rodriguez, District Coordinator at the TDC, says she expects her team will complete five semi-trailer trucks' worth of ACCESS, FSA and FSAA assessment deliveries by March. "Boxes of testing materials number in the thousands," said Ms. Rodriguez, "with deliveries scheduled to nearly 500 public and charter schools."

The counting, packing, labeling, and delivering of these nearly half a million individual testing materials, districtwide, falls in the hands of Ms. Rodriguez's small but mighty team of one full-time and six part-time employees.



Zulima Seco labels a box of testing materials. Ms. Seco has been a Clerical Assistant at the Test Distribution Center for 23 years.

Caroline Yopp (center) flanked by students, with octopus sculpture presented to Miami Beach Commission at the conclusion of their plastic-free project.



Sustainable Cephalopod

Caroline Yopp, chemistry teacher and Environmental Club sponsor at Design & Architecture Senior High, is committed to turning her students into responsible global citizens. This year, Ms. Yopp's Environmental Club teamed up with **Big Blue & You**, **Ocean Conservancy**, and **Debris Free Oceans** to support the **#PlasticFreeMB** initiative. She guided students as they met with business owners to discuss their single-use plastic consumption, resulting in 15 new businesses to go plastic-free. To commemorate the successful project, students presented the Miami Beach Commission with an octopus sculpture of recycled materials from beach clean-ups. The Mayor signed a proclamation declaring Sept. 30th as "Big Blue Crew Day".

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