



# WORKFORCE WIRE

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## HOT OFF THE WIRE

Thank you for making 2023 another stellar year for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. You are appreciated and valued for your meaningful contributions to our continued success. All of you play a pivotal role in enriching the lives of our students and their families. Your perseverance and commitment to excellence ensure that M-DCPS continues to be your best choice.

May you enjoy your Winter Recess with family and loved ones, and rest and relaxation. Happy Holidays!

## iLead

"iLead with my heart, which is fueled by my love for children, dedication to teachers, and a burning passion for education. Embracing transparency, offering unwavering support, and ensuring fairness, I am committed to always doing what's right!"

-Elvira Ruiz-Carrillo, Ed.D.  
Principal, Country Club Middle School  
2023 M-DCPS Assistant Principal of the Year

## BODY & MIND

Problem-solving with others can be frustrating if your approach is intrinsically different. Convergent thinkers prefer solutions that check every box, while divergent thinkers gravitate more toward "what if" scenarios. Allowing each other to brainstorm in our own way can encourage more successful team building.

All Miami-Dade County public schools, as well as Region and District offices, will be closed Monday, December 25, 2023, through Friday, January 5, 2024, for Winter Recess. Schools and offices will reopen Monday, January 8, 2024.

## ABOVE & BEYOND

Peggi Frias-Dominici is a CTE instructor and recruiter at D.A. Dorsey Technical College. She made her mark in her first year at D.A. Dorsey by piloting a Medical Coder & Biller dual-enrollment course in partnership with high schools across M-DCPS. Ms. Frias-Dominici also serves as a recruiter for D.A. Dorsey, leading their social media accounts, engaging personally with stakeholders, and actively increasing student enrollment.



## Schools Police Chief Sworn In

Schools Superintendent Dr. Jose L. Dotres, School Board members, Miami-Dade Schools Police Department (MDSPD) officers, and law enforcement personnel from various agencies and District representatives gathered in the School Board Administration Building Auditorium on November 28, 2023 for the Swearing-In Ceremony for Miami-Dade Schools Police Chief Ivan E. Silva.

A 28-year veteran of the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department, Chief Ivan E. Silva began his career as a School Resource Officer. In 2007, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant where he was assigned to central operations.



He later became the department's Public Information Officer where he handled community affairs. In 2013, Silva was promoted to Commander and subsequently was assigned to the Administrative Division.

He was promoted to the rank of Major in 2019 and was assigned to the Strategic Planning Division. There he oversaw management of the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation Process and ensured the Department's compliance with the "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act." Silva earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Florida International University and is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute Command Officer's Development Course.





## SPED-lebrate! 🎉

National Special Education (SPED) Day highlights the importance of Special Education Teachers and their work to ensure the success of all students. This month, in commemoration of the passing of the Individuals with Disabilities Act, M-DCPS celebrates all SPED teachers and support staff! Thank you for removing barriers to learning and ensuring that every child's potential is realized. Click [here](#) to watch **A Day in the Life of Darwin Brown**, a music teacher at Neva King Cooper Educational Center.

## NATIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION DAY



## Will You Bike to School?

Miami-Dade County Public Schools' longstanding partner Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) will be helping the District further enhance safety for school bicyclists. Recently, the TPO approved an initiative to identify schools that will benefit from safe bicycle lanes via a pilot program through the TPO SMART Street Transportation Enhancement Program. With County-protected bicycling lanes soon becoming a part of our school site landscape, we hope you'll give alternative modes of transportation a try!

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