



# WORKFORCE WIRE

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IS ONCE  
AGAIN AN **A**  
**Rated School District!**

## HOT OFF THE WIRE

Recently, the Florida Department of Education released the 2023-2024 School Grades and District Grades. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is once again an “A-rated” district. Statewide, only 22 districts earned an A-rating. We are now ranked 8th in the state, up from 9th last year. **Welcome back** to another year of academic excellence and thank you for keeping M-DCPS **your best choice in public education!**

## iLead

“iLead by building a supportive environment that empowers others to develop opportunities to contribute to the vision using out-of-the-box thinking and the exploration of ‘possibilities.’”

— Linda Amica-Roberts, Ph.D.  
Asst. Supt., Equity & Diversity  
Office of Economic Opportunity

## BODY & MIND

Cacao, the main ingredient in the blessing that is chocolate, contains more anticancer and neuro- and cardioprotective properties than most foods. Treat yourself once a day to a square of dark chocolate with some nuts and berries.



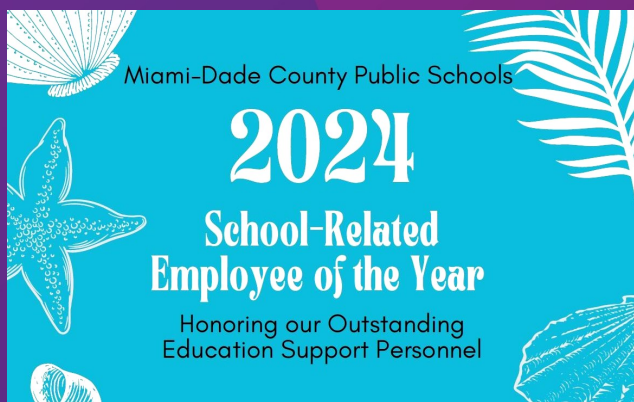
New Teacher Induction, **Teachers Are Out of This World**, will take place **August 5-9**.  
 **Opening of Schools** for the 2024-2025 school year will take place **August 9**. Stream the live event [here](#). The first day of school is **August 15**.

## ABOVE & BEYOND

School Bus Driver Samuel Johnson (right) and School Bus Aide Lou Bullard (left) discovered a wallet at a high school. Upon notifying the school, the wallet was returned to its rightful owner, a student, who confirmed that it held his rent money. The student was relieved and grateful to Mr. Johnson and Ms. Bullard for going above and beyond to ensure its return!



## Celebrating Our Support Personnel



Recently, M-DCPS honored our educational support personnel for the significant contributions they make to their schools. Our American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) staff make the delivery of a high-quality education happen through their passion to serve our students and faculty. They are the backbone of our schools and administrative offices, providing the necessary support that makes our students and the District your best choice to work and learn.

AFSCME Support Personnel of the Year Finalists for the 2023-2024 school year are:



**Guillermo Almanza**, Head Custodian, Ruben Dario Middle—A 20+ year veteran with M-DCPS with an unparalleled work ethic to ensure every

corner of the school is spotless, welcoming, and conducive to learning.

**Carmen Manzanares**, School Bus Driver, John Schee Transportation Center—A 16-



year school bus driver whose commitment extends beyond transporting students, actively engaging with parents and keeping them informed.



**Nancy Oliva**, Lead Custodian, Lindsey Hopkins Technical College—A dedicated employee of over 35 years at Lindsey Hopkins whose impeccable job performance goes beyond her custodial duties, assisting with landscaping, culinary events, and District initiatives.

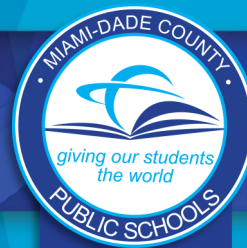


**Portia Williams**, Head Custodian, Fulford Elementary—A proactive staff member with over 37 years of service whose testament to her dedication are marked by reaching out to community organizations to secure gifts and donations for students and families.



The AFSCME Support Personnel of the Year winner is **Jenny Pierrelouis**, Food Service Manager, Dr. William A. Chapman Elementary—A rising star who listens closely to student needs and adds beloved items to the district menu. Beyond the kitchen, she created an afterschool dance club for children aged 7 to 12.

Congratulations to all!



## Get WirED!

theHub Team is excited to announce the launch of **WirED Radio & Podcast!** Stay in-the-know with our District's leading audio productions, including **M-DCPS Voices** with host District Director Tammy Reed, the Office of Professional Learning and Career Development's Learning on the Go! **EDU-TEACH** podcast, and **Radyo Lekòl** with M-DCPS' Haitian Affairs team hosts Simone DeGraff, Cherol Marcelin and Reginald Dorival. Visit <https://thehub.dadeschools.net/> and select **Latest Episodes** under the **WirED** tab.

### WirED RADIO & PODCAST

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#### 'Youpi Creole TV' Fè Pwomosyon Lang Kreyòl pou Timoun ak Fanmi

Madi 28 me 2024



Animatè Reginald Dorival entèvyou manm ekip 'Youpi Creole TV' sou travay y ap fè pou pwomouwa lang Kreyòl la atravè chante ak videyo yo kreye pou timoun ak fanmi sou platfòm YouTube la.

▶ 0:00 / 24:59

#### Shaping the Future of Education

Thursday, May 23, 2024



An interview with Maldilyn Falcon, Executive Director of Instructional Recruitment at Miami-Dade County Public Schools

▶ 0:00 / 15:08

#### Discussing Mental Health

Friday, May 17, 2024



Host Tammy Reed interviews District Director Robin Thomas Armstrong and Curriculum Support Specialist Chianté Robinson of M-DCPS' Office of Mental Health and Student Services.

▶ 0:00 / 29:27



## Stay Connected

The Dadeschools Mobile App is a one-stop shop for employees to receive valuable information. **Download this free App on your mobile device.** Accurate and up-to-date contact information is critical to receiving important outreach and emergency messages from the District and your work site. Communicate with your work site supervisor to update your contact information. **To opt in for emergency messages, text "Y" to 67587 on your mobile device.**

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