

# WORKFORCE WIRE



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M-DCPS  
**YOUR BEST CHOICE**



*Excellence & Innovation!*



## HOT OFF THE WIRE

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is your best choice in academic distinction, workplace safety and school community. As a M-DCPS employee, you have the opportunity to share your passion and talent with our students and families. Encourage your community to choose educational excellence and innovation! For more information on student enrollment, visit: [YourBestChoice.dadeschools.net](http://YourBestChoice.dadeschools.net).

## iLead

"iLead by engaging with skilled and visionary colleagues to focus on children, families, and schools. Together we bring sustainable and impactful changes to our beautiful and diverse community. As one, we make a difference!"

— Barbara Mendizábal, Asst. Superintendent  
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and  
Family and Community Engagement

## BODY & MIND

Grains are high in fiber, antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals, and can lower your risk of heart disease, strokes, and obesity. Beneficial grains include wheat, barley, flaxseed, quinoa, oats, rye, and more. Find these in breads, pastas, and other whole grain products.

Have you checked out **Special Offers** on theHub? As M-DCPS employees, you enjoy special discounted rates at events hosted by our partners, like The Fair, Cirque du Soleil and more! Click [here](#), scroll and select Special Offers to view. • All public schools and offices will be closed March 25-29 for **Spring Recess**.



## ABOVE & BEYOND

Katherine Rugel is a Personnel Aide at M-DCPS' Department of Transportation. Ms. Rugel is an employee of exemplary kindness and initiative who assists teams at all seven transportation locations. She takes the initiative to update manuals for trainees, create forms and flyers for job fairs, streamline the application process for new candidates, support when there are language barriers, and manage buses for special events and field trips. Transportation is lucky to have her!

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## Women's History Today

During Women's History Month 2024, M-DCPS recognizes the example of exemplary women who are committed to a common quest for opportunity for all at every work location – those who have taken the lead to model strength and poise for young minds in our schools,

reflecting M-DCPS as your best choice in education.

Please join us in celebrating three such women – gems among numerous others with a vision of lifting our students and colleagues to greater heights.



**Beatriz  
Fernandez-Rossi**

5th Grade  
Howard Drive ES

Implemented and continues to sponsor a G.E.M.S. Club (Girls Empowered through Mentoring and Service) – conversations that empower girls to love, encourage, and elevate themselves as well as each other. Girls are taught about women that made an impact in history and have opened new doors for women today.



**Annette Daniels**

Physical Education  
G.W. Carver MS

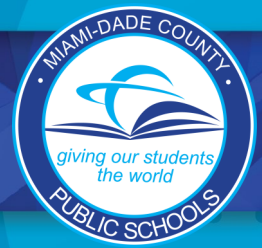
Has served M-DCPS for 44 years as an outstanding role model for good citizenship and all of M-DCPS' core values. In addition to six periods of P.E., she coaches tennis, track & field, cross country running, golf and any other sport her students request, ensuring as well that all student teams are diverse and representative of all cultures.



**Sara Zajic**

4th Grade  
Pine Lake ES

Once a liaison for Pine Lake's Botany Magnet program, she now teaches the same students she used to liaise for. She follows up lessons of flora and fauna with hands-on practices involving their school's own mascots and greenery, ensuring all students can experience oneness with and stewardship for our big, green planet.



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## School Site Marketplace

As your best choice in community involvement, M-DCPS' Office of Family and Community Engagement has established school pantries through its M-DCPS Marketplace initiative. Locations offer toiletries, school supplies, and uniforms and also receive bi-weekly deliveries of fresh and shelf-stable food items. M-DCPS Marketplace supports families without the need to meet specific criteria for assistance. Visit M-DCPS Marketplace at North Miami and North Miami Beach Senior High schools, Ruth Owens Kruse and Robert Morgan Educational centers, Charles Drew K-8, Charles Hadley Elementary, and Hialeah Hub at Amelia Earhart Elementary.

## An Amazing Race



M-DCPS thanks you all for such an amazing race! Our 9th Annual Superintendent's 5K Challenge: Race for Education was a huge success, and we were so glad to see all 5,600 race participants, employees and other community members alike, support Miami's best choice in education! Miami-Dade County Public Schools will receive 80 percent of ticket proceeds – adding to the \$375,000 the Race for Education has raised for our schools over the past nine years. Thank you, Miami!

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