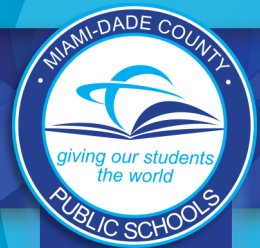


# WORKFORCE WIRE

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## HOT OFF THE WIRE

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) recently celebrated official Swearing-In Ceremonies for newly elected and re-elected School Board members Dr. Steve Gallon III (D1), Joseph S. Geller (D3), Danny Espino (D5), Mary Blanco (D7), and Luisa Santos (D9). They will serve four-year terms as members of the Miami-Dade County School Board.

Additionally, Board member Mari Tere Rojas was re-elected to chair the Miami-Dade County School Board for the coming year. A veteran educator with more than 45 years in M-DCPS, she was first elected to the School Board in 2016 and is now serving her third term as representative for District 6. This is her third time as chair.

Board member Monica Colucci, who represents District 8, was re-elected as Vice Chair of the School Board. An educator for over 26 years, she was elected to the School Board in 2022. This is her second time as vice chair.

## iLead

"iLead with kindness, fostering trust and growth, knowing that caring for others is the heart of true leadership."

— Dennis Carmona  
Administrative Director  
Personnel Ops, Records & Fingerprinting

## BODY & MIND

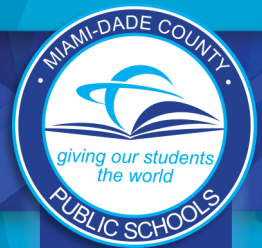
Hate to exercise? No matter what shape you're in, there are ways that you can be physically active. Any increase in physical activity is healthy - whether it's brisk walking, mowing the grass, vigorous housework or washing your car.

All facilities will be closed Monday, December 23 through Friday, January 3 for **Winter Recess**. theHubTEAM at M-DCPS' Office of Communications wishes all M-DCPS employees a relaxing winter holiday.

## ABOVE & BEYOND

Raydeivis Soguero-Gonzalez is an art teacher at Booker T. Washington Senior High School. New to the Booker T. family, he has taken the school's visual arts program to soaring new heights, with students winning state competitions and increasing enrollment. Mr. Soguero-Gonzalez teaches studio art, ceramics and architecture. He is the 2023 High School Art Educator of the Year by the Dade Art Educators Association.





## Safety with MDSPD

School Resource Officer Pierre Gustave (pictured right) of Miami-Dade Schools Police Department (MDSPD) entered a burning vehicle to rescue victims of a traffic collision outside iTech @ Thomas Edison Educational Center. The heroic actions of Officer Gustave included requesting fire rescue and emergency backup, deploying his fire extinguisher on the burning vehicle, and pulling one victim out before a small explosion occurred, fully engulfing the vehicle in flames. MDSPD Officers Jeffrey Louis, Marc Cheri, Lorvia Paul, and Armando Vazquez arrived soon after to provide additional assistance. MDSPD Chief of Police Ivan E. Silva has commended Officer Gustave for his professionalism, bravery, dedication to duty, and commitment to public safety.



## Showcasing Excellence & Innovation



From the video "Learning with M-DCPS - How to Change a Tire with Robert Morgan Tech"

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has launched **Learning with M-DCPS**, a series that showcases the unique and valuable lessons and practical skills our students are acquiring which can be applied in everyday life. From critical thinking to problem-solving and collaboration, students are gaining knowledge that goes beyond the classroom, preparing them for real-world experiences. Click [here](#) to check out **Learning with M-DCPS** on YouTube.

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