

# WORKFORCE WIRE

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## HOT OFF THE WIRE

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) encourages you to ring in the new year in service to others by celebrating **National Mentoring Month**. At its core, mentoring ensures young people that there is someone who cares about them, assures them they are not alone in dealing with day-to-day challenges, and lets them know that they matter. Quality mentoring relationships have powerful positive effects on young people in various personal, academic, and professional situations. Ultimately, mentoring connects a young person to personal growth and development, and social and economic opportunity. **Mentoring** can be a worthwhile and rewarding experience that benefits both mentors and mentees.

Get involved this **National Mentoring Month** by becoming a mentor, supporting mentorship programs, sharing your mentoring stories, attending mentorship events, and learning about the impact of mentoring on personal development, education, and career success.

## iLead

"iLead with a growth mindset, fostering collaboration, and valuing each individual's unique contributions to achieve collective success."

— Mahati Tonk  
Administrative Director  
Office of Strategic Planning & Initiatives

## BODY & MIND

Working on your weight this new year? Start by setting a goal to lose 10% of your body weight over six months.

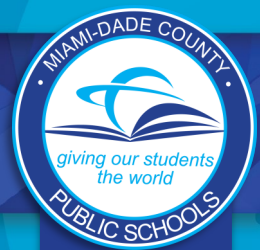
(Ex. **start:** 220 lbs, **loss goal:** 22 lbs; **start:** 185 lbs, **loss goal:** 18.5 lbs)

All Miami-Dade County public schools, as well as Region and District offices, will be closed Monday, January 20 in observance of **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**. We will reopen Tuesday, January 21.

## ABOVE & BEYOND

Tonjeria Hammond is a school counselor at William H. Turner Technical Arts High School. A 34-year M-DCPS veteran, Ms. Hammond is committed to the well-being of the whole child. She takes a front seat at parent conferences, classroom lessons, school initiatives, and ensures students' behavioral and academic goals are met. Her work as a counselor is complemented by her involvement in 5000 Role Models of Excellence and Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County.





## Keeping Schools **Safe**: Your Role

M-DCPS is leading the charge in our schools against human trafficking. In collaboration with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, M-DCPS Human Capital Management Office, M-DCPS Division of Student Services, M-DCPS School Operations/Special Programs, and Miami-Dade Schools Police Department, we're offering informational training sessions to empower our community. Don't miss out! Attend the 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Zoom sessions on Wednesday, January 15, March 21, or May 21, 2025. Register via the Professional Learning Management System (PLMS) in the Employee Portal. Together, let's protect our students and fight against human trafficking. Your participation can make a difference!



From the video "A Day in the Life of Carmen Monge."

## Exemplars of **Excellence** and **Innovation**

M-DCPS highlights the vast experience and unparalleled dedication of our school district's exemplary employees. "A Day in the Life..." features various members of the M-DCPS workforce in their professional environment. Visit [theHub.dadeschools.net](http://theHub.dadeschools.net) and select the **A Day in the Life** tab to get to know some of our exceptional employees. Know a colleague you'd like us to feature? Click [here](#) for theHub's submission form.

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