

# WORKFORCE WIRE



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## HOT OFF THE WIRE

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will host the 2026 Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year ceremony to name the most outstanding principal and assistant principal on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to celebrate **EXCELLENCE** among principals and assistant principals in the District.

The principal of the year winner will receive a three-year car lease from Headquarter Toyota, and the assistant principal of the year will receive a five-day cruise from Royal Caribbean. The runners-up will receive a cash prize.

Click [here](#) to stream the ceremony live.

## iLead

“iLead with passion, to produce students who are passionate about learning! Teachers should make each child feel *limitless!*”

— Roberto Rabelo  
Civics Teacher, South Miami Middle  
2027 M-DCPS Teacher of the Year

## BODY & MIND

“You’re a glorious mess!  
I’m a glorious mess!  
We’re all a glorious mess!”



— Wynn,  
your wellness buddy

In April we observe Autism Acceptance, Financial Literacy, the Military Child, and Poetry! National Assistant Principals’ Week was April 6; Yom HaShoah was April 13-14; National Volunteer Week and Administrative Professionals’ Week begin April 19; Earth Day and Administrative Professionals’ Day are April 22; and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day is April 28.

## ABOVE & BEYOND

Tamara Cortes is a security monitor at Gloria Floyd Elementary (GFE). She is known for her initiative and sharp attention to detail, consistently providing the necessary feedback to keep the GFE campus secure. Additionally, Ms. Cortes recently performed life-saving intervention when a student began choking during lunch. Her vigilance, quick thinking, dedication to safety, and her ability to remain calm under pressure make her, GFE, and M-DCPS your best choice in staff and student **SAFETY**.





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## Publishing Innovation

Every year, ELA teacher Néstor Cedeño internally publishes the creative writings of his high school seniors. The first two years we shared his story with you, the publications were inspired by the works of William Shakespeare. Last year, they were inspired by a nonfiction work of bestselling young adult genre author John Green.

This year, Mr. Cedeño inspired his students with the memoir of music journalist Rob Sheffield. Written on its own soundtrack, **“Soaring and Unmuted”** includes music by Michael Jackson, Bob Dylan, Elvis, Adele, Janelle Monáe, Gente de Zona, Al2 El Aldeano, and more.

Musically Inspired Short Stories



## A Choice Leader

The Robotics Education & Competition Foundation (REC), the very same that hosts the VEX Robotics Competitions at which so many M-DCPS students have won titles and championships, has inducted Rockway Middle’s science and robotics teacher Rosa Rengifo, into its STEM Hall of Fame as a 2025 Inspiration All Star. An advocate for robotics education since 2007, Ms. Rengifo started with an afterschool club and now oversees a program reaching more than 200 students and 33 teams. Watch her story [here](#).

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