



WORKFORCE WIRE

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HOT OFF THE WIRE

As we close another remarkable school year, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your dedication to our students, families, and community. Together, we have accomplished so much. Because of your commitment, our students are not confined to a one-size-fits-all educational experience. You help create learning environments centered on **EXCELLENCE, CHOICE, INNOVATION,** and **SAFETY.** Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) remains the best choice for students and families because of you. Thank you for an extraordinary year of service and dedication.

Dr. Jose L. Dotres
Superintendent of Schools

iLead

“iLead to bridge education, community, and industry partnerships that prepare students with skills, experiences, and pathways for lifelong success.”

— Dr. Jennifer Murray
Admin. Dir., Office of Community Partnerships, Education & Business Access

BODY & MIND

“The things that light you up and bring you joy are connected to your purpose.”

— Wynn,
your wellness buddy



National Gun Violence Awareness Day is June 5. Practice **SAFETY**; if you **see something, say something.** All Miami-Dade County public schools, as well as Region and District offices, will be closed Thursday, June 19 in observance of **Juneteenth.**

ABOVE & BEYOND

Deborah Jones-Allen is a counselor at Phyllis Ruth Miller Elementary (PRMES). Understanding this as an ever-evolving discipline, she frequently attends workshops and trainings for the latest in data-driven social and emotional development practices. Ms. Jones-Allen helped achieve the **No Place for Hate** designation for PRMES and provides a space where students strive not only for individual success but also to develop a healthy self-image in their learning community.



Excellence, Retiring

M-DCPS once again bids farewell to dozens of retiring employees. Your hard work over the past few decades has built M-DCPS' legacy of excellence in public education. While new shoes take on your desks or your spatulas or your wrenches, it's your wisdom and dedication that will echo in our workspaces. Please join us in celebrating all our retiring employees and their service to M-DCPS. Read a few of these stories below.



Ignacio Palacio
44 years

Mr. Palacio joined M-DCPS under Facilities Maintenance & Operations in 1981 as a trades helper and has been a mechanic, foreperson, coordinator, supervisor, director, and finally, district director, where he has served our schools and District for the past 13 years.



Kim McKinnis
42 years

Ms. McKinnis has served Miami schools on and off since 1975. Her various part-time and full-time assignments have spanned over 15 schools and have included clerical, media specialist, ESL, first grade, reading coach, CSS, vocational, and intervention.



Gregory Xiques
43 years

Coach Xiques became part of the M-DCPS family in 1980 as a substitute teacher, then again in 1994 as a P.E. teacher. He has loyally served at Amelia Earhart Elementary since then for both general education students and students requiring adaptive P.E. activities.



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Sprouting Choice

M-DCPS is launching PK-3 Sprouts, a tuition-supported preschool program for three-year-olds starting in the 2026-27 school year. Operating weekdays with optional aftercare, the full-day curriculum focuses on early literacy, numeracy, and socioemotional growth to prepare children for VPK. The program features a supportive 2:17 adult-to-student ratio and will pilot at seven selected schools across the district. Tuition is \$40 per day plus a \$150 registration fee. Children are eligible the day after turning three.



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Innovation in Sports

Launching in Fall 2026, the M-DCPS SportsPLEX Magnet programs at Miami Killian Senior High prepare students for athletic industry careers through four tracks: business/law, medicine, engineering, and media. Blending academics with real-world exposure, this M-DCPS initiative equips students to thrive far beyond the playing field while maintaining a traditional high school experience. Applications are open for incoming 9th graders on a first-come, first-served basis.

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