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Hot off the Wire

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) launched the 2026–2027 school year with an Opening of Schools Address by Superintendent Dr. Jose L. Dotres at Miami Senior High School. Ahead of students returning on August 13, leadership set an energizing tone centered on the theme, “Elevate the M-DCPS Experience: It Takes All of Us.”

Celebrating a seventh state 'A' rating, Dr. Dotres highlighted expanding magnet programs and academic pathways. The district remains committed to a balance of **excellence, innovation, choice, and safety**—leveraging modern tools like AI to enhance learning while keeping student-teacher mentorship at the core of its success. This collaborative effort ensures world-class environments where every student thrives.



Above & Beyond

Danielle Aycardi is a **special education teacher** at Gloria Floyd Elementary. Serving as the school's mindfulness champion, Local Education Agency (LEA) representative, and professional development liaison, she exceeds expectations by implementing tailored accommodations, leading meditation, and creating inclusive student clubs to ensure every learner thrives.

Body & Mind

Mindfulness helps teens and adults stay present, reduce stress, and improve focus.

Wellness Tip: Spend five minutes daily noticing your breath and surroundings without distractions.

iLead

“iLead by **example**; demonstrating exactly what I am looking for sends a clear example of how it should be done.”

– Erick Laventure, Admin Dir, Design & Sustainability

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Benefits Corner

All M-DCPS full-time employees enrolled in District benefits receive **100% coverage** for the following services: allergy shots, vaccines, mammograms, PSA/PAP, women's family planning, breast pump prescriptions, early cancer detection, outpatient surgery, lab work, and outpatient mental health and SUD care. Learn more at [MDCPSBenefits.com](https://www.mdcpsbenefits.com).



A State First

M-DCPS has launched Venetian Parc Academy, Florida's first district-managed **Innovation School of Technology**.

Operating as a districtwide magnet, the school features a flexible, mastery-based learning model that replaces traditional seat-time requirements with demonstrated competency. Students learn at their own pace using industry-leading technology, blended instruction, and project-based learning tied to Florida's B.E.S.T. standards.

With real-time tracking through digital dashboards, teachers mentor students individually to build strong foundational skills in literacy, math, and STEAM fields while eliminating learning gaps.

Sales Tax Holiday

This year's annual Back-to-School "Sales Tax Holiday" runs through Thursday, August 20, 2026. No Florida sales tax or local option tax will be collected until August 20 on backpacks and apparel priced up to \$100 each; school supplies priced up to \$50 each; learning aids priced up to \$30 each; and computers and accessories priced up to \$1,500 each. Visit [FloridaRevenue.com](https://www.floridarevenue.com) for a full list of tax-free items.

Reminders

The First Day of School is Thursday, August 13, 2026.

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