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A Newsletter for Miami-Dade County Public Schools Parents

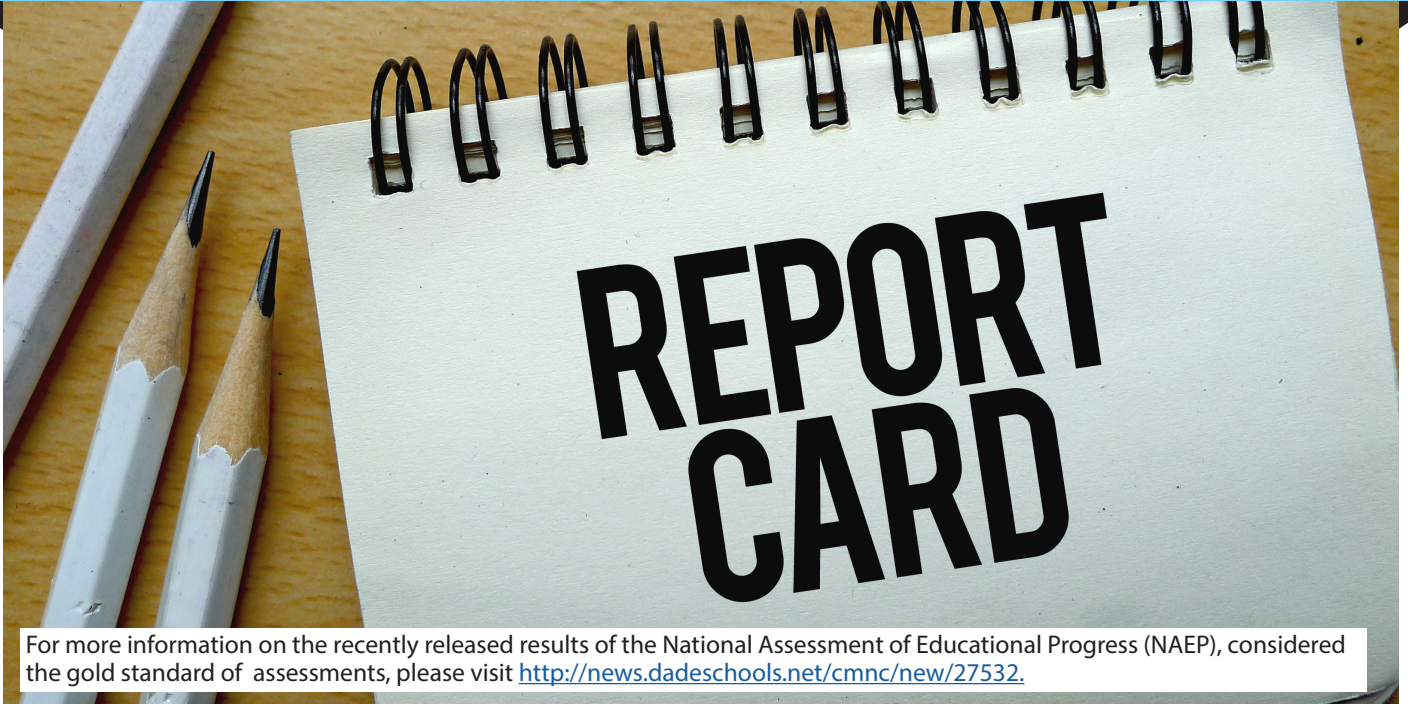
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## MIAMI-DADE STUDENTS CONTINUE TO SHINE ON NATIONAL ASSESSMENT



For more information on the recently released results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), considered the gold standard of assessments, please visit <http://news.dadeschools.net/cmnc/new/27532>.

## PROM BOUTIQUE OFFERS FREE PROM WEAR FOR STUDENTS

The Prom Boutique assists students in fragile economic positions and those who are part of the M-DCPs' Project UP-START, the district's Homeless Assistance Program.

Deserving female and male students from M-DCPS have the opportunity to visit the Prom Boutique, to select dresses, suits, and shoes, as well as accessories for their prom event in May. Community members and organizations have donated



the items in order to help students who cannot afford to purchase their prom wear. For more information,

contact the Office of Community Engagement at 305-995-1367.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

**APRIL 25**

10 a.m.

Conference Session:  
Attendance Zones for  
2018-2019

11 a.m.

Regular Meeting; Initial  
Reading - Attendance  
Zones for 2018-2019

**MAY 16**

10 a.m.

Instructional Materials  
Public Hearing

11 a.m.

Regular Meeting; Final  
Reading - Attendance  
Zones for 2018-2019

## IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

April 20- Regular school day (previously teacher planning day)

May 17 - Regular school day (previously secondary early release day)

May 28 - Observance of Memorial Day

June 7 - Last Day of School

## TITLE I DISTRICT CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



This year, 415 students representing 55 schools qualified for the 2017-2018 Title I District CHESS Championship, held earlier this month. M-DCPS' Title I Challenging Higher Education for Students in our Schools (CHESS) Program is designed to create well-rounded, lifelong learners.

Studies have shown that playing chess develops critical thinking, logic and reasoning, problem solving, computer literacy, patterns and outcomes recognition, interpersonal relationships, communication and interpersonal skills. Additionally, CHESS enhances student-teacher relationships and increases parental involvement.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this innovative program.

## M-DCPS HONORS OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL, AP OF THE YEAR



Humberto Miret, who serves as principal of Miami Southridge Senior High School, won top honors as the District's Principal of the Year. M-DCPS honored its finest principals and assistant principals at an awards ceremony sponsored by the Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA).

Miret has served as principal of Southridge Senior High since 2015. Before that, he was principal at Shenandoah Middle School. He began his 23-year education career teaching health to 10th-grade students at South Miami Senior High School.

**The opportunity to preside at graduation as principal of Miami Southridge Senior is Mr. Miret's most memorable career moment.**

Derek Negron of Carol City Middle School was recognized as Assistant Principal of the Year. Negron began his career with M-DCPS as a classroom teacher at Barbara Hawkins Elementary in 2005. He has served as an Assistant Principal at Carol City Middle School since 2016.

Also recognized at the ceremony was Principal of the Year Runner-up Evonne Alvarez of New World School of the Arts and Assistant Principal of the Year Runner-up Jeffrey Gonzalez of Homestead Senior High School.

*Pictured above, left to right, are School Board Member Dr. Lawrence Feldman, School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, Schools Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho, Principal of the Year Humberto Miret, School Board Members Lubby Navarro, Mari Tere Rojas and Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall.*

## HI-TECH BUILDING AUTOMATION @ MLEC



M-DCPS and Siemens recently joined forces to launch a new, first-of-its-kind, hi-tech Building Automation Systems Technology Program at Miami Lakes Educational Center & Technical College. Building automation is the computer-based, centralized control system that monitors and controls mechanical and electrical equipment such as heating, ventilation and air conditioning, lighting and other systems through a building management system or building automation system. Automation is transforming the way facilities manage real-time energy consumption.

Technicians for this new and exciting field are in demand with some 49,000 job openings available in the U.S. and more than 600 jobs in Miami-Dade. For more information, call 305-558-8000 or visit [CareerInAYear.com](http://CareerInAYear.com).

## M-DCPS LAUNCHES NEW PAMM STUDENT PASS FOR FREE MUSEUM VISITS

Superintendent Carvalho and Perez Art Museum Miami Director Franklin Sirmans have announced an historic and significant development in the partnership between the two entities - free year-round museum admission for all M-DCPS students!

The PAMM Student Pass grants unlimited, free entry to the museum for all M-DCPS Pre-K - 12th grade students. The pass also grants free admission for an adult guest. To enroll in the program, students can complete and print the online form found at [www.pamm.org/studentpass](http://www.pamm.org/studentpass) and then bring it to the museum. PAMM Student Pass applications also will be available at the museum's



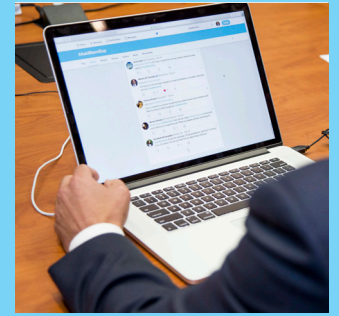
front desk during regular museum hours. A pass card will be provided to the student at the time of the first visit. PAMM Student Passes expire on August 31st each year. Beginning September 1st, students may re-enroll as long as they are still attending M-DCPS.

Superintendent Carvalho

called the partnership one of the most significant steps in art access to public school students, and encouraged other publicly-funded institutions to offer similar programs.

The hope is that this program will help students nurture or discover their love and appreciation for the arts.

## TWITTER TOWN HALL



Superintendent Carvalho is hosting a series of town hall meetings to discuss student achievement, school safety and security, the 21st Century Schools Bond/Construction Program, education funding & more. You can also join the conversation by participating in the Twitter Town Hall on Tuesday, May 8 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tweet questions to @MiamiSup using the hashtag #AskMiamiSup.

## THOUSANDS TURN OUT TO SUPPORT EDUCATION

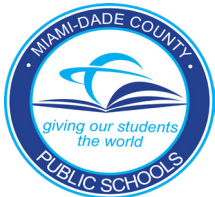


Thousands of teachers, students, parents and community supporters joined Superintendent Carvalho to run and walk in support of education at the annual Superintendent's 5K Challenge. The male with the fastest time was 33-year-old Alvaro Vasquez with a time of 17:14. The female winner was Lina Adjouadi who, at only 13 years old, ran the course in 21:02.

### PARENT E-TIPS:

Primary: Don't Always Answer Your Child's Questions  
<https://bit.ly/2EV33Iz>

Secondary: Turn Your Teen's Smart Phone Into a Learning Aid  
<https://bit.ly/2EWnvCq>



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