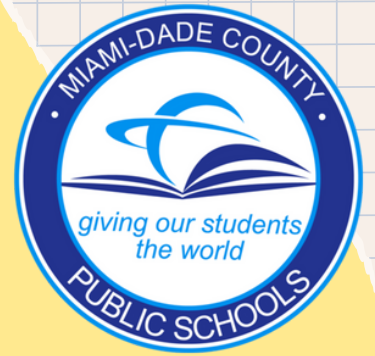


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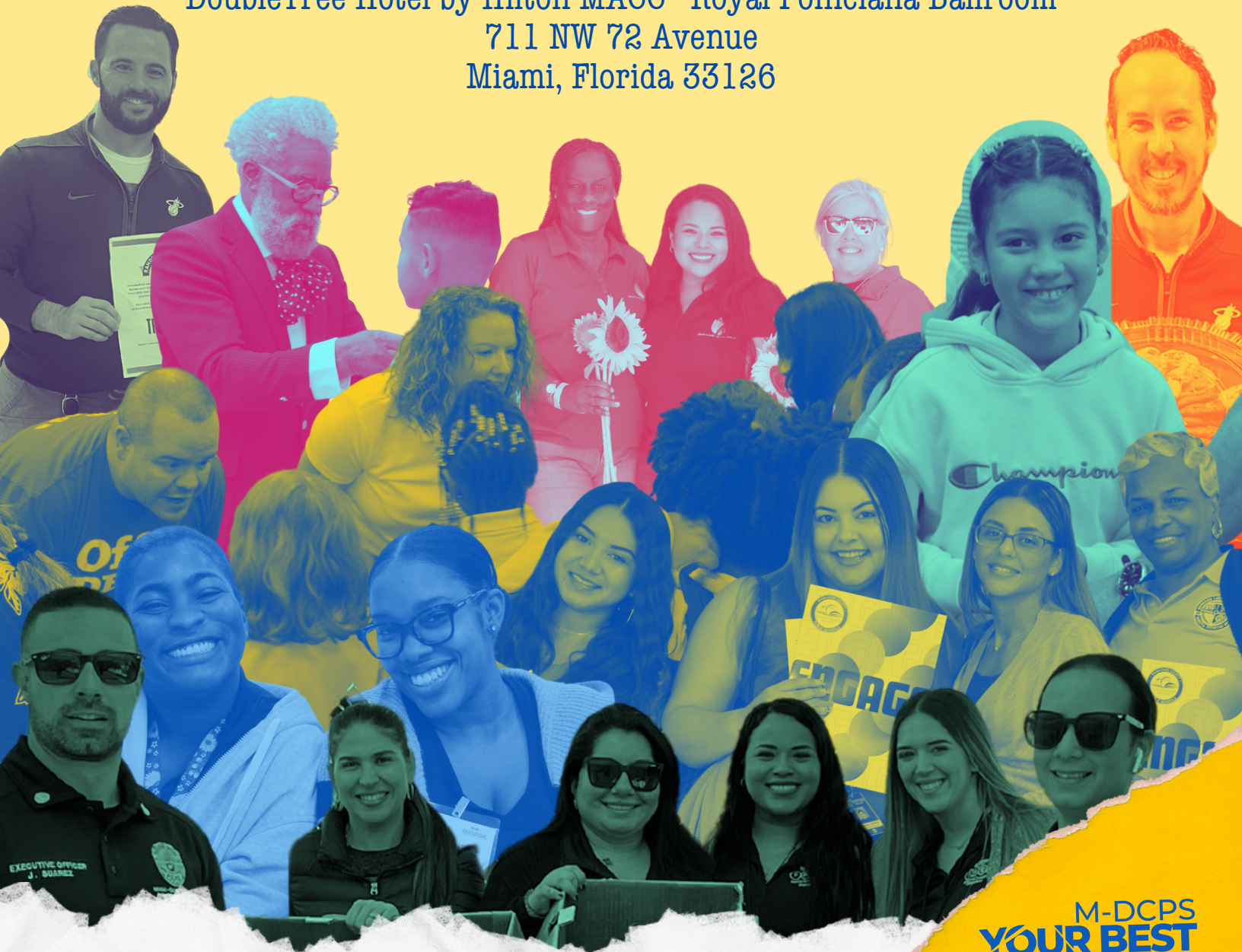
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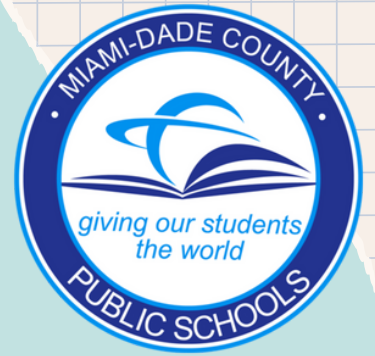


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Lisa Thurber, Administrative Director
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Julian Gonzalez and Thalia Smith, 12th Grade Students
New World School of the Arts

**Pledge of Allegiance
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Chloee Jean-Jules, 8th Grade Student
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School Board Chair Greetings

Mari Tere Rojas, Chair
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Norland Middle School Theater Students

Student Mentor Testimonial

Clint John, 7th Grade Student
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Superintendent's Remarks

Dr. Jose L. Dotres
Superintendent of Schools

**Superintendent's Choice
Awards**

**Exemplary M-DCPS Partner
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Leonardo Mourino
2023 Principal of the Year
Principal, Morningside K-8 Academy

**Outstanding School
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Mandarin Lakes K-8 Academy

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Tiffany Da Cruz	Cutler Bay Middle
Jacqueline Rodriguez	David Lawrence Jr. K-8 Center
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Samantha Miranda	Homestead Middle
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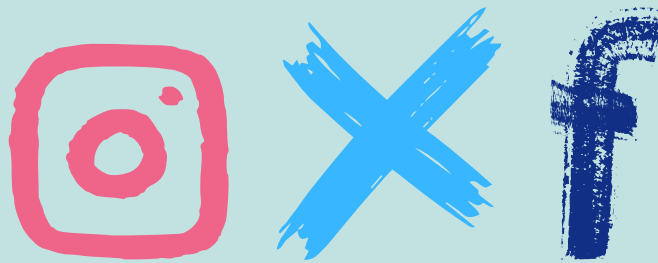
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