Academic Accomplishments

- 24 years of school improvement every year since elected.
- Miami-Dade today is the #1 Urban School District in the nation.
- High school graduation rate highest in Miami-Dade's history - 93.1%.
- Student achievement levels in math, reading, and science increase YEARLY.
- No "D" or "F" schools in District 8.
- **M-DCPS recognized as number one in the nation for efficiency and academic magnet programs.**
- **More Magnet Schools of Excellence than any other district in the nation!!!**
- 7 of top 100 best high schools in the nation are in Miami-Dade. District 8 Miami Coral Park Sr. wins most prestigious engineering competition in the nation.
- District 8 school Archimedean is 2nd best high school in Florida.
- District 8 school Miami Arts Studio students win highest awards for arts, drama, music in Florida.
- District 8 school Miami Arts Studio Law Magnet students win top Florida award.
- Creation of parent academies with emphasis on fathers' involvement.
- In 2021, nearly 40 students from District 8 high schools were nominated for Silver Knight Awards.
- Broad Prize for Urban Education for significant increases in student academic achievement.
- National College Board recognition for district's ability to prepare students for advanced studies.
- Advanced Placement student numbers highest in the U.S. for Hispanic and African-American students.
- 7 fully accredited technical colleges for career and technical education.
- Creation and expansion of character education curriculum.
- Creation and further expansion of chess programs at our schools.
- Increased services to alternative education programs. Increased accelerated mathematics courses.
- Sponsored and passed the study of the Bible as a history course.
- Supported non-denominational prayers in schools.

Student Wellness

- National standard for the expansion of Mental Health services program.
- Elimination of sale of sodas and unhealthy snacks in schools.
- Creation of wellness policy to help combat obesity and promote healthy lifestyles.
- Expansion of swimming program in elementary schools.

Honors and Awards

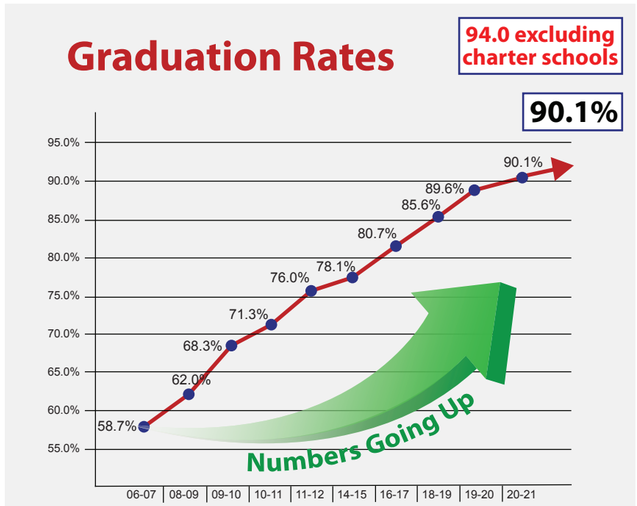
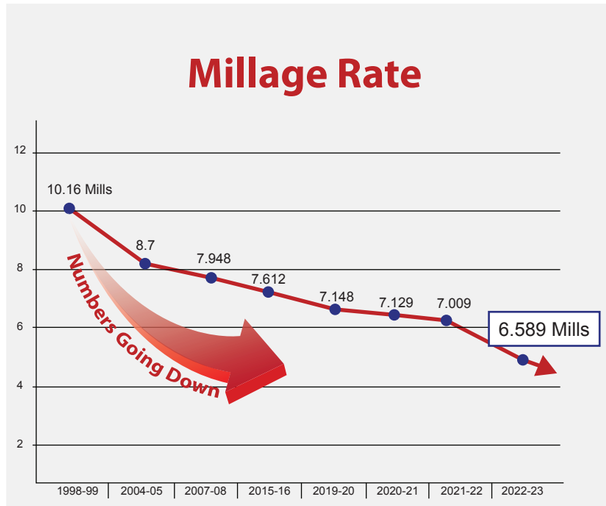
- **Winner, 2021 received Green Garner Award for best school board member in the nation!!!**
- Winner, National Association of Cuban American Educators Award.
- Winner, School Board Member of the Year by Teachers for Better Education.
- Winner, Integrity in Leadership Award by League of Women Voters.

Education, Credentials and Other Affiliations

Ph.D. from the University of Miami in Educational Leadership
Juris Doctorate from St. Thomas University School of Law
Member of Florida Bar
Florida Real Estate Licensed
Chair, South Florida Planning Council
Chair, Personnel Committee for M-DCPS
Chair, South Florida Consortium of Schools

Results matter when rating public officials-particularly, those in charge of leadership. Our school district has continuously improved and been awarded during my tenure.

Unfortunately, lies repeated during political campaigns sometimes stick. For the record, I have NEVER voted against our community's values nor to raise taxes or for critical race theory. Thank you, once again, for the honor of serving our beloved community. If you ever need to contact me, my email is marta774@bellsouth.net

Sincerely and with all my love and respect,

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