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AS PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, SCHOOL BOARD VOTED TO RECOGNIZE THE 2013-2014 PARAPROFESSIONAL/ SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR WINNER AND THE 2013-2014 OFFICE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR WINNER

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## *NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN*

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As proposed by Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, the Miami-Dade School Board unanimously voted to recognize Andre Stafford, the 2013-2014 Paraprofessional/School Support Personnel of the Year winner, and Lisette Deas-Bernardo, the 2013-2014 Office Employee of the Year winner.

"For the past 26 years, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has been honoring the contributions of the most outstanding Office Employee and Paraprofessional/School Support Personnel of the Year," said Ms. Hantman. "Mr. Andre Stafford and Ms. Lisette Deas-Bernardo are to be commended for their dedication to the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools."

Mr. Stafford has worked for the District for 16 years as a security monitor at his alma mater, Miami Carol City Senior High School. He has assisted the school with the football and track teams and the VICA Club. Mr. Stafford also has volunteered with the Special Olympics as a team coach. Mr. Stafford has been named the "Dean of Discipline," a title he takes very seriously.

A secretary at Terra Environmental Research Institute, Ms. Deas-Bernardo has worked for the District for 11 years in various clerical positions. Prior to being hired by the District, Ms. Deas-Bernardo was involved with the school system as a volunteer and PTA member. Her work as a volunteer sparked an interest to join the school system of which she attributes to her son, Justin P. Bernardo.

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