

Miami Public Schools

November 9, 2026
Board of Education - Regular Meeting



Student of the Month



Journey Saljuga

It is an honor to recognize eighth-grader Journey Sajulga as our Junior High Student of the Month. Journey is a dedicated student-athlete who actively participates in basketball, track, and weightlifting, all while excelling in our Junior High STEM program. Beyond his extracurricular and academic commitments, Journey stands out for his remarkable character. He is consistently respectful, quick to lend a helping hand to anyone in need, and always ready to encourage and support his classmates in STEM. Journey truly embodies every characteristic we hope to see in our Wardogs, making him an exceptional role model for our school community.



MPS Employee of the Month

Valerie Douthit



As a dedicated teacher, Valerie Douthit brings passion, energy, and an unshakeable commitment to our classrooms and students every single day. Her impact, however, stretches far beyond her standard lesson plans and interventions. Whether it's early morning during lunch, or after the final bell, she is always the first to offer extra help, ensuring that no student ever feels left behind. In addition to being an incredible academic anchor Valerie is central to our school culture. She pours her time and creativity into planning the activities and events that turn our junior high into a community.From lively school spirit days to unforgettable student events, she works tirelessly behind the scenes. Thank you Valeri for your endless patience, your massive heart and everything you do to make our school a brighter place to learn and grow!



2026-2027 Financial Update



General Fund

Projected Expenditures

TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	PROJECTED ENDING FUND BALANCE
$23,543,832	$20,541,387	$3,002,445

How the FY27 budget is funded

NEW REVENUE	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE
$19,998,020	$3,545,812

Projected ending fund balance equals available resources less proposed expenditures.



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GENERAL FUND • FY2027

Where the money goes

Proposed expenditures by object category

100s	Salaries		$12,438,898
200s	Benefits		$4,862,204
300s–500s	Purchased services		$1,900,000
600s	Supplies		$945,000
700s	Property		$90,000
800s	Other		$272,340
900s	Uses		$32,945

TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES **$20,541,387**

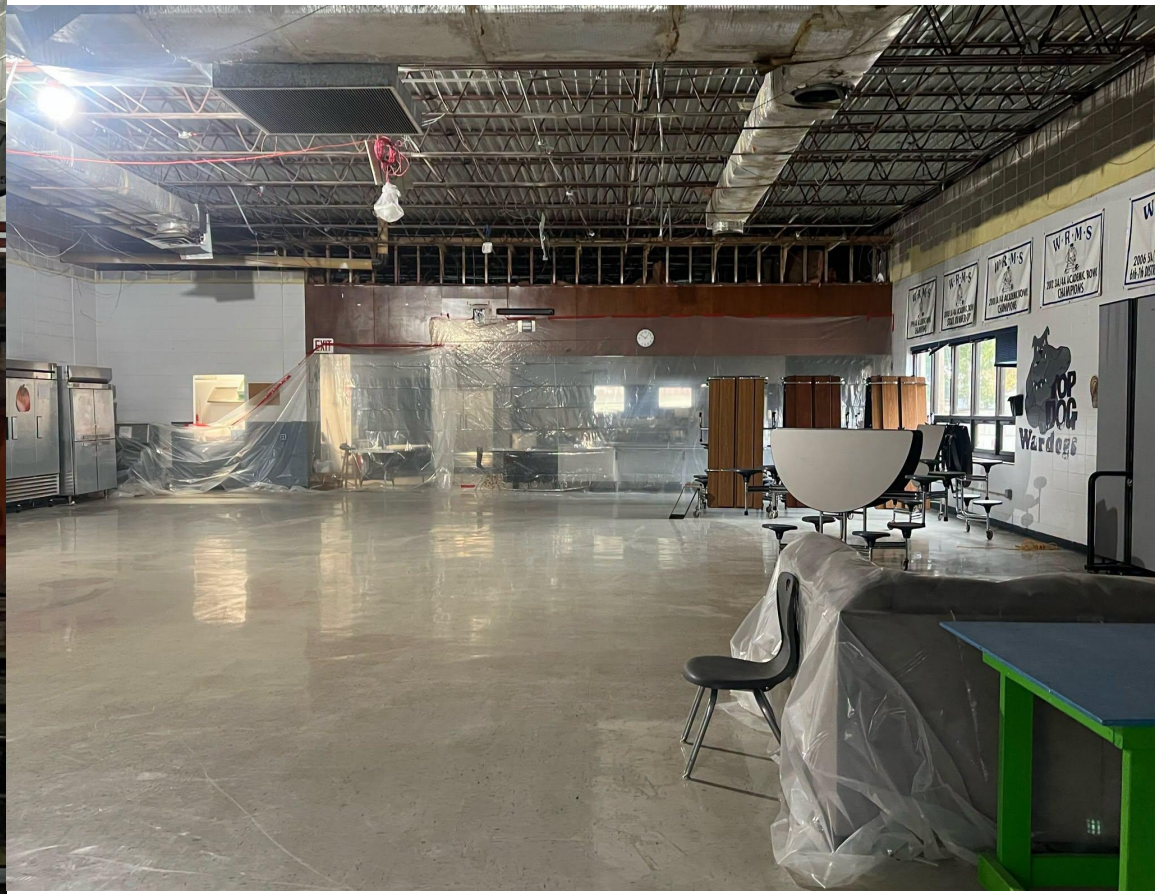


Ideal Impact



Capital Improvements




W·R·M·S
Wardogs



- **In-progress:** Demolition at Will Rogers and Fieldhouse
- **November 10th:** Design meeting and plumbing re-bid opening
- **December 18th**- Will Rogers move in ready for Nichols wing.
- **January 2027**- Nichols demolition to begin



Advisory Committees

Miami Public Schools

ADVISORY COUNCIL FEEDBACK

STUDENTS | TEACHERS | PARENTS

WHAT WE HEARD

Over the past several weeks, we met with our Student Advisory Councils (grades 8 and 9–12), the Blue Table (Superintendent Executive Council), and our Parent Advisory Council to listen, learn, and gather feedback. The conversations were positive, insightful, and focused on how we can continue to make Miami Public Schools even better.

Believe in Blue.

THE GOOD THINGS WE HEARD

- **A strong sense of school pride and community** across all groups.
- **Support for our programs, activities, and traditions** — including athletics, fine arts, FCS, and clubs.
- **Positive feedback on teachers and staff,** with appreciation for their support and relationships with students.
- **Students feel connected at school and** value the opportunities to be involved.
- **Families see strong leadership and** are encouraged by the direction of the district.
- **Teachers appreciate collaboration,** district support, and the focus on student success.

OUR STRENGTHS

- School Pride
- Student Opportunities
- Supportive Staff
- Community & Tradition
- Positive Direction

KEY THEMES & OPPORTUNITIES

Communication

Keep information clear, timely, and consistent across all sites.

Safety & Well-Being

Continue to strengthen an overall safe and supportive environment and student supports.

Consistency

Ensure similar expectations, processes, and opportunities across all schools.

Engagement

Expand access to clubs, activities, and real-world learning experiences.

NEXT STEPS

- Review and improve communication practices.
- Evaluate student support services and counseling access.
- Look at districtwide consistency in expectations and supports.
- Explore additional opportunities for student engagement (e.g., clubs, activities, and experiences).
- Share updates and progress with our advisory groups throughout the year.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to our students, staff, and parents for taking the time to share your perspectives. Your feedback helps us grow, make informed decisions, and keep Miami Public Schools a place where students can learn, belong, and succeed.



MHS/MJHS Site Plan Overview

Brandon O'Field



Other Updates

- ***Nov. 10th-*** Plumbing Re-bid; Nichols Veterans Day Assembly @ 9:45 am
- ***Nov. 11th***: MJHS/MHS (9:00 am), Roosevelt (1:30 pm), Washington, and Wilson Veterans Day Assemblies
- ***Nov. 17th:*** Winning Strategies
- ***Nov. 19th***: Kidsgiving
- ***Nov. 23rd-27th***: Thanksgiving Break
- ***Nov. 24th-*** Meet the Wardogs
- ***Dec. 2nd***: Administrator Meeting