



Statement on the New Mast Academy

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Good Morning! Thank You Principal and friend Mathew Welker!

Let me make this very simple: Here is why we want to build this school! Miami Dade County Public Schools, under the leadership of Board Chair Perla Hantman and Superintendent Alberto Carvalho is an award winning leading national public school system. This new MAST Academy deepens a rich partnership between FIU and the school system and strengthens both.

We are both committed to student achievement and leading national STEM education programs. This will be one of the very best in the world thanks to incredibly capable students, visionary administrators, some of the best science faculty anywhere, and state of the art facilities.

We are committed to having one of the most dynamic and rich education clusters right here at our beautiful Biscayne Bay Campus. Is there a more beautiful location for an education, learning and research center – no? Right here and right now!

I want to thank the Miami Dade County Public School system for your confidence in FIU. We know that you have many more important initiatives and many mouths to feed. We pledge to you and the children of North Miami who will benefit that this will be a very bright star in the constellation of already bright stars that is our public school system.

And now it is my privilege to introduce the Mayor of North Miami – Dr. Smith Joseph – a visionary himself who has doctoral degrees in Pharmacy and in Osteopathic medicine, and who obviously understands that education is the most important legacy that any community can give to its youth.