

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson, Clark-Murray, Lahnen, Peluso,
2 Amaro, Carrico, and Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council Members
3 Freeman, Boylan and Salem:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2025-561-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC
8 SCHOOLS FOR EARNING AN "A" GRADE FROM THE
9 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2024-
10 2025 SCHOOL YEAR AND RECOGNIZING THE VISIONARY
11 LEADERSHIP OF DR. DIANA GREENE, DR. DANA
12 KRIZNAR, AND DR. CHRISTOPHER BERNIER, AND
13 COMMENDING THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,
14 EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS, STUDENTS, AND
15 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS
16 HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
17 DATE.
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19 **WHEREAS**, Duval County Public Schools (DCPS), Florida's sixth-
20 largest school district and the 18th-largest in the United States,
21 has earned its first-ever overall districtwide "A" grade from the
22 Florida Department of Education since the inception of the grading
23 system in 2004; and

24 **WHEREAS**, this milestone marks a significant educational
25 achievement for nearly 130,000 students, 13,000 teachers and staff,
26 and the broader Jacksonville community; it demonstrates measurable
27 gains in student performance, graduation rates, and learning across
28 all grade levels; and

29 **WHEREAS**, this success did not happen overnight but is the
30 culmination of years of steadfast dedication, courageous leadership,
31 and innovative strategies led by former Superintendent Dr. Diana

Greene, whose commitment to equity and academic rigor laid the groundwork for transformational change across the district; and

WHEREAS, following Dr. Greene's tenure, Interim Superintendent Dr. Dana Kriznar, a seasoned educational leader and product of DCPS herself, ensured continuity, stability, and deep strategic focus, keeping the District's progress on track during a critical transition period; and

WHEREAS, under the current leadership of Superintendent Dr. Christopher Bernier, who completed his first full year in office in 2025, DCPS continued its upward trajectory by accelerating student achievement, reducing the number of "D" and "F" schools, and expanding access to quality instruction, thereby solidifying this "A" grade status; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is not only a reflection of the work inside the classroom but also the result of an ecosystem of excellence that includes Duval County School Board members, principals, district leaders, parents, support personnel, and community advocates who play a critical role in shaping the educational success of our children; and

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Public Education Fund, business leaders, civic organizations, and neighborhood stakeholders have all served as essential partners in fostering a culture of high expectations, accountability, and collaborative problem-solving; and

WHEREAS, this districtwide "A" grade enhances Jacksonville's national reputation, makes the City more attractive to businesses and families, and affirms the belief that public education is not only foundational to personal success but to the economic vitality of our region; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. The City Council hereby honors and commends the Duval County Public School students, the Duval County School Board,

1 the Superintendent of Schools, and all DCPS personnel for earning the
2 District an "A" grade for the 2024-2025 school year. The Council
3 extends special recognition to former Superintendent Dr. Diana Greene
4 and Interim Superintendent Dr. Dana Kriznar for their extraordinary
5 leadership, and to current Superintendent Dr. Christopher Bernier for
6 continuing this legacy with distinction, purpose, and an unwavering
7 belief in the power of public education. The Council celebrates this
8 historic milestone as a testament to what is possible when vision
9 meets dedication and when an entire community rallies behind its
10 children.

11 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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