

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson, Clark-Murray, Lahnen, Peluso,  
2 Amaro, Carrico, and Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-561**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC  
7 SCHOOLS FOR EARNING AN "A" GRADE FROM THE  
8 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2024-  
9 2025 SCHOOL YEAR AND RECOGNIZING THE VISIONARY  
10 LEADERSHIP OF DR. DIANA GREENE, DR. DANA  
11 KRIZNAR, AND DR. CHRISTOPHER BERNIER, AND  
12 COMMENDING THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,  
13 EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS, STUDENTS, AND  
14 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS  
15 HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
16 DATE.

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18 **WHEREAS,** Duval County Public Schools (DCPS), Florida's sixth-  
19 largest school district and the 18th-largest in the United States,  
20 has earned its first-ever overall districtwide "A" grade from the  
21 Florida Department of Education since the inception of the grading  
22 system in 2004; and

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

28 **WHEREAS,** this success did not happen overnight but is the  
29 culmination of years of steadfast dedication, courageous leadership,  
30 and innovative strategies led by former Superintendent Dr. Diana  
31 Greene, whose commitment to equity and academic rigor laid the

1     groundwork for transformational change across the district; and

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

7             **WHEREAS,**     under the current leadership of Superintendent Dr.  
8     Christopher Bernier, who completed his first full year in office in  
9     2025, DCPS continued its upward trajectory by accelerating student  
10    achievement, reducing the number of “D” and “F” schools, and expanding  
11    access to quality instruction, thereby solidifying this “A” grade  
12    status; and

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

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

23            **WHEREAS,**     this districtwide “A” grade enhances Jacksonville’s  
24    national reputation, makes the City more attractive to businesses and  
25    families, and affirms the belief that public education is not only  
26    foundational to personal success but to the economic vitality of our  
27    region; now therefore

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

29            **Section 1.**       The City Council hereby honors and commends the  
30    Duval County Public School students, the Duval County School Board,  
31    the Superintendent of Schools, and all DCPS personnel for earning the

District an "A" grade for the 2024-2025 school year. The Council extends special recognition to former Superintendents Dr. Diana Greene and Dr. Dana Kriznar for their extraordinary leadership, and to current Superintendent Dr. Christopher Bernier for continuing this legacy with distinction, purpose, and an unwavering belief in the power of public education. The Council celebrates this historic milestone as a testament to what is possible when vision meets dedication and when an entire community rallies behind its children.

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

Form Approved:

/s/ S MacGillis

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