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Dear Community Leader:

You are invited to participate in Ethical Governance Day 2018 as one of our distinguished speakers! This is our seventh year to sponsor this event, to be held on Wednesday, October 24.

The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, working with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, will again place hundreds of civic leaders into local high school classrooms to address students on the importance of civic participation and engagement as a means of promoting better and more ethical government.

We are calling upon public officials, judges, attorneys, and community leaders with civic or government experience to join in this countywide event by sharing their knowledge and personal insights with the next generation of voters. This is a worthwhile, non-partisan project which will give you the opportunity to help improve the civic life of our community.

You may volunteer for an hour or more during any portion of the school day between 7:30 AM and 2:30 PM on October 24. My staff will assign you to one or more 12th grade classrooms where you will be welcomed as a special guest speaker. You may indicate a school preference, which we will accommodate wherever possible. Suggested talking points will be provided to all participants prior to the event, but we expect all speakers to draw upon their own stories and backgrounds in their presentations in order to connect personally with the students. We also encourage speakers to emphasize the importance of respecting the right of every individual to engage in civil dialogue on important public issues.

If you are interested in participating in Ethical Governance Day, please fill out the attached form and return it via email to Rodzandra Sanchez (RODZAND@miamidade.gov). You may also fax it to us at 305-579-0273. If you have any questions about the program, please call 305-579-2594 to speak with a Commission staff member. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino
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