

# EDUARDO Zayas-Bazán

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After 35 years of having a distinguished career as a public high school teacher and a college professor, and successfully administering a foreign language department at a state university for 20 years, my passion for education has only grown.

I know the importance of a good education and I understand that it takes the right person to make effective policies to improve an educational system. I have the necessary expertise to develop these policies and this is precisely why I am running for member of the Miami-Dade School Board, District 6.

I will promote policies that will lead to education programs and services that will serve better the students in this community, and I will help to develop business practices that will improve the image of our school system through financial responsibility and transparency.

**This is my commitment to you as a candidate.**

## “Educational Experience and Transparency in School Affairs”

- Dr. Eduardo Zayas-Bazán was born in Camagüey, Cuba, and is a U.S. citizen since 1968.
- In 1961, Zayas-Bazán participated in the Bay of Pigs Invasion of Cuba as a frogman, was wounded and captured, and spent one year in prison.
- Doctor en Derecho degree from Universidad Nacional José Martí, Havana, Cuba.
- M.S. in Foreign Language Education from Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, KS.
- Professor Emeritus in Foreign Languages from East Tennessee State University, and chair of the Foreign Language Department from 1973 to 1993.
- Recipient of East Tennessee State University’s Distinguished Faculty Award; Sigma Delta Pi’s Premio Martel; and the Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association’s Jacqueline Elliot Award.
- First Cuban-American elected President of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese and of the National Association of Cuban-American Educators.
- Former President of the Municipality of Camagüey in Exile and the editor of its periodical, *El Camagüeyano Libre*.
- Former Vice President of Cuban Cultural Heritage.
- Former Associate Editor of *Hispania*, the journal of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.
- Co-author, co-editor and translator of eighteen books. Three of his most successful books are *¡Arriba!*, *Conexiones*, and *Fusión*, published by Prentice Hall and used at some 150 schools and universities in the U.S. and Canada.

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