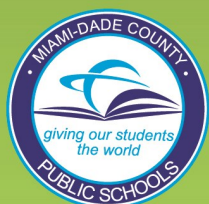


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Mr. Hector Zaldivar came to the United States in September 10, 2010, leaving behind his home, family, and friends with the purpose of resettling in the US and achieving all his goals and dreams. He was working as a math teacher in his native Cuba before the arrival to the United States, and wanted to continue doing what he loves so much, teaching. He immediately realized that to be successful in this country, he needed to learn English, and referred by Catholic Charities, he went to Robert Morgan Educational Center and registered in ESOL classes.

Once enrolled in ESOL Classes, he learned about the SAVES program, and the benefits of financial assistance for English classes, books and the translation/evaluation of his university degree from Cuba, which helped him to get a job in the M-DCPS.

Thanks to his effort and dedication Mr. Zaldivar was able to acquire the English skill needed to obtain a job. He began working at Robert Morgan Educational Center, tutoring students in math and reading, in the computer laboratory, and helping them to pass the CASAS test in order to enroll in vocational/technical classes. In addition, he was hired to teach math and science to the SAVES students that are registered in the GED in Spanish program.

Mr. Zaldivar is an enthusiastic person who likes to give back what already has

been given to him and therefore he is taking classes to become a Foster Parent. He wants to provide a home full of love to the Refugee children that are arriving to this country without their parents.

Mr. Zaldivar would like to thank the wonderful SAVES staff at Robert Morgan Educational Center who made him feel like family. He proudly says: “I can’t wait to teach those refugees kids all the values that my family taught me, especially my grandparents: study, be strong, honest, and sacrifice ourselves for others”

