Margarita Pinkos currently serves as Assistant Superintendent for Global Education and Community Outreach in the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC), Florida. The SDPBC is currently the 11th largest public school system in the United States serving over 190,000 students, of which, 30,000 are English language learners. Her 30-year career has been dedicated to building the capacity of students and families, and the educators who serve them. Dr. Pinkos’ professional journey started in 1984 as an elementary school teacher and includes service as a school principal and district-level executive. One career distinction is her appointment as assistant deputy secretary and director of the Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) in the United States Department of Education (USDOE) from 2006 to 2008 where she worked with state and local education systems across the country to support high quality instructional programs for linguistically and culturally diverse students.

Dr. Pinkos is the past president of the Florida Association of Bilingual and ESOL Supervisors (FABES), and has served in the Board of Directors of the National Association of Bilingual Education (NABE) for four years. In 2013, HSM Juan Carlos I, King of Spain, bestowed Dr. Pinkos the Royal Order of Isabel the Catholic, the highest civil honor awarded by the government of Spain.

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