

Financial Services  
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**SUBJECT:            AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO DETERMINE IF A  
DISPARITY STUDY OF M-DCPS PROCUREMENT  
PROGRAMS IS RECOMMENDED AND REPORT THE  
FINDINGS TO THE BOARD**

**COMMITTEE:        INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:        FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

Authorization of the Board is requested to conduct a feasibility study to determine the cost and benefits associated with contracting for a Disparity Study, by analyzing the utilization of Minority/Women-owned business enterprises in the District's procurement practices. Based on the results obtained from this study, the District will concentrate on drafting policy that actively promotes diversity and business practices that set goals for MWBE participation that are consistent with the results of the study.

Based on recent meetings with members of the Minority/Women's Business Enterprise (MWBE) Advisory Committee, upcoming procurement policy development will include MWBE Committee input and consider tiered contracting options, business ownership and size criteria, architect/engineer selection and location-based contract awards. Relevant Policy amendments will be presented to the Board in the near future.

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**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

- (a) investigate the feasibility of a disparity study with an Independent Company, to analyze the District's procurement practices, examine the existence of any disparities in the utilization of minority/women-owned businesses on District contracts, and to determine the possible causes for any such disparities; and
- (b) upon conclusion of the feasibility study, report findings to Board for further action.

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