

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**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 (M/WBEs) 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 M/WBE participation that are consistent with the results of the study.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to investigate the feasibility of a disparity study with an Independent Company, to conduct 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.

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