

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

As Miami-Dade County Public Schools advances to break the digital divide, it is essential for communication among teachers and parents/caregivers of students to be improved. While the typical 'notes in bookbag' method should not be eliminated, because there are still households without Internet access, we should ensure that all parents/caregivers of students have easy access to communication with teachers via technological means, irrespective of who has access to the child's bookbag.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools provides emails for all teachers, but the system is not accessed by all teachers nor used by all parents/caregivers. Other school systems, however, have advanced to posting platforms that allow for better access by parents/caregivers of students. Plenty of schools in the district have a website and WiFi but it is not clear as to their ability to use a posting platform should they decide to do so in lieu of emails or physical documents.

In the hopes of fostering better communication with teachers, this item requests to inquire how many teachers are accessing their Miami-Dade County Public Schools emails and how many are using their emails to communicate with the parents/caregivers of their students and what platforms are available that could be used by individual schools or districtwide that would provide all parents/caregivers with access to information that is presently only available through the students' bookbags.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to examine how many teachers are accessing their Miami-Dade County Public Schools emails, how many teachers are using their emails to communicate with parents/caregivers of students, and what platforms are available for individual schools or districtwide posting.

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