INITIAL READING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES 1215, 3215, 4215, AND 7434, TOBACCO USE

SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

At the School Board meeting of December 11, 2013, the Board approved Agenda Item H-10 proffered by Ms. Raquel A. Regalado, Board Member and co-sponsored by Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair, and Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice-Chair, directing the School Board Attorney and the Superintendent to revise current policies to prohibit the use of nicotine dispensing devices, such as e-cigarettes, on all School Board properties and/or sites where educational instruction is offered. This item requests consideration of amendments to the employee and facilities tobacco use Policies 1215, 1315, 1415, and 7434, prohibiting the use of nicotine, tobacco, nicotine-dispensing devices and any device designed to imitate any of these products regardless of whether it contains tobacco or nicotine. The item also requests that the policies be renamed.

Attached is the Notice of Intended Action and the proposed policy amendments. Changes are indicated by underscoring words to be added and striking through words to be deleted.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Policies 1215, 3215, 4215, and 7434, Tobacco Use.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Policies 1215, 3215, 4215, and 7434, Tobacco Use.
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on May 7, 2014, its intention to amend School Board Policies 1215, 3215, 4215, and 7434, Tobacco Use, at its meeting of June 18, 2014.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To amend School Board Policies 1215, 3215, 4215, and 7434, Tobacco Use, to prohibit the use of nicotine dispensing devices, including e-cigarettes, as well as any product or device designed to imitate any of these products regardless of whether it contains tobacco or nicotine, on all School Board properties and/or sites where educational instruction is offered. The policies are also proposed to be renamed “Use of Tobacco Products and Smoking Devices.”

SUMMARY: The proposed amendments define prohibited “use of tobacco and smoking devices” to include all uses of tobacco, including nicotine dispensing devices and/or electronic cigarettes or smoking devices, as well as any product or device designed or manufactured to imitate any of these products regardless of whether it contains tobacco or nicotine. The policies are also proposed to be renamed “Use of Tobacco Products and Smoking Devices.”

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: 1001.41(1), (2); 1001.43, (10), (11), 1012.23(1), F.S.


IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING of June 18, 2014, which begins at 11:00 a.m., in the School Board Auditorium, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by June 3, 2014, to the Superintendent of Schools, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes).

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED Policies are available at cost to the public for inspection and copying in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Originator: Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member
Co-Sponsors: Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair, and Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice-Chair
Date: April 23, 2014
TOBACCO USE

USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND SMOKING DEVICES

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The use of tobacco and smoking devices is prohibited:

A. within any indoor facility owned, leased, or contracted for by the Board;

B. anywhere on the campus of any facility owned or leased or contracted for by the Board, including, but not limited to, practice fields, playgrounds, football fields, baseball fields, softball fields, pool areas, soccer fields, tennis courts, and all open areas;

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