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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY: FINAL
READING 5120, ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, announced on April 9, 2014, its intention to amend School Board Policy 5120, Assignment Within District, at its meeting of June 18, 2014.

The Attendance Boundary Committee is recommending the following:

- Correct the existing legal language description for Jane S. Roberts K-8 Center to reflect what is currently being practiced.
- Establish new attendance boundaries for Homestead Middle School and Redland Middle School due to the repurposing of Campbell Drive Middle School.

The Notice of Intended Action was published in the *Miami Daily Business Review* on May 12, 2014, posted in various places for public information and mailed to various organizations representing persons affected by the amended policy and to individuals requesting notification.

The time to request a hearing or protest the adoption of this policy has elapsed.

In accordance with provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, this amended policy is presented to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for adoption and authorization to file the policy in the official records of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Attached are the Notice of Intended Action and the policy proposed for amendment. Changes from the current policy are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

Copies of the document, *Attendance Zone Recommendations and Related Administrative Actions 2014-2015* and *Attendance Zones Previously Approved by the Board 2013-2014*, will be provided to School Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary,

Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Additionally, these documents are available at:

http://pdfs.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/061814/Attendance_Zone_Recommendations_and_Related_Administrative_Actions_2014-2015.pdf

http://pdfs.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/031914/Attendance_Areas_Previously_Approved_2013-2014_Manual.pdf

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt amended School Board Policy 5120, Assignment Within District and the document, *Attendance Zone Recommendations and Related Administrative Actions 2014-2015*, which is incorporated by reference and is part of this policy, and authorize the Superintendent to file the policy with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be effective July 1, 2014.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on April 9, 2014, its intention to amend Board Policy 5120, Assignment Within District, at its meeting of June 18, 2014.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To establish attendance zones for elementary and secondary schools for the 2014-2015 school year, which, in effect, better utilize existing student stations.

SUMMARY: Board approval of this policy would support previously approved attendance zones and subsequently establishes all Board-approved attendance zones as a Board policy.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: 1001.41(1) (2); 1001.42(25); 1001.43(10) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC: 1000.05; 1001.41; 1002.20; 1002.31; 1003.06, 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 Administration Building, 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 to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

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

Originator: Dr. Marcos M. Moran
Supervisor: Mrs. Valtena G. Brown
Date: March 19, 2014

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ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT

2 The assignment of students to District schools shall be consistent with the best
3 interests of students and the best use of District resources.

4 **Attendance Areas ~~2013-2014~~ 2014-2015**

5 The Superintendent is responsible for proposing attendance areas for District
6 schools. The Superintendent will be assisted in this task by the ~~District~~/School
7 Operations, the Office of School Facilities, and the Attendance Boundary
8 Committee.

9 To comply with the mandate of class size reduction, the Office of School Facilities
10 and ~~District~~/School Operations will provide the Attendance Boundary Committee
11 and the community with proposed attendance boundary changes for schools in
12 ~~2013-2014~~ 2014-2015. Community input on these boundary changes will be
13 solicited at regional community meetings. Individuals who wish to present
14 alternate recommendations will be assisted by region staff. Any alternate proposals
15 must be reviewed through the same process as the Superintendent's proposals.
16 Community and Attendance Boundary Committee meetings will be held to present
17 the attendance boundaries established for ~~2013-2014~~ 2014-2015.

18 The Attendance Boundary Committee will take the following factors into
19 consideration when reviewing proposed attendance areas regarding school
20 boundaries: compliance with class size reduction mandate, impact on special
21 education programs, use of available student stations within contiguous areas,
22 degree and extent of transportation, programmatic impact due to lack of student
23 housing, reduction of the number of schools students must attend, integrity of
24 feeder systems, assignment of students from new residential developments to
25 specific schools prior to completion of developments, construction of new schools,
26 promotion and maintenance of diverse school enrollments, and prevention,
27 reduction or elimination of racial isolation to the extent practicable.

28 Staff in ~~District~~/School Operations, Office of School Facilities, Information
29 Technology Services, Department of Transportation, Research Services, Office of
30 Diversity Compliance, and Office of Intergovernmental Affairs & Grants
31 Administration and Community Services Engagement, will assist the
32 Superintendent in providing data, analyze proposed attendance areas, and prepare
33 recommendations for submission to the School Board.

1 The Board-approved school attendance zones for the current school year are
2 contained in the following documents:

3 A. Attendance Zones Previously approved by the Board - ~~2013-2014~~ 2014-2015;

4 B. Attendance Zone Recommendations and Related Administrative Actions -
5 ~~2013-2014~~ 2014-2015.

6 Copies of these documents are incorporated by reference in this policy and made a
7 part hereof. They are on file in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and in the
8 Citizen Information Center.

9 No assignment to schools or attendance schedules shall discriminate against
10 students on the basis of gender, race, religion, disability ~~or~~, national origin, sex,
11 color, ethnic or national origin, marital status, genetic information, age, political
12 beliefs, sexual orientation, gender identification, social and family background,
13 linguistic preference, medical reason, pregnancy, childbirth, medical condition to
14 pregnancy, handicap, handicap against a student or employee, and any other
15 legally prohibited basis.

16 The parent of siblings who are assigned to the same grade level and school may
17 request that the school place the siblings in the same classroom or in separate
18 classrooms. This request must be made no later than five (5) days before the first
19 day of school each school year or five (5) days after the first day of attendance of the
20 students if the students are enrolled in school after the school year commences.
21 The school is not required to meet the request if there is factual evidence indicating
22 a specific placement is better for the student than that requested by the parent.

23 The Superintendent may assign a student to a school other than that designated by
24 the attendance area when such exception is justified by circumstances and is in the
25 best interest of the student.

26 Every effort shall be made to continue a student in the elementary school to which
27 s/he is initially assigned.

28 Wherever possible and advisable in the interests of the students, siblings shall be
29 assigned to the same building.

30 The Superintendent shall assign incoming transfer students to such schools,
31 grades, and classes as may afford each student the greatest likelihood of realizing
32 fullest educational potential.

33 The principal shall assign students in his/her school to appropriate grades, classes,
34 or groups. This action shall be based on consideration of the needs of the student
35 as well as the administration of the school.

1 **Request for Out-Of-Area Assignment Student Transfers**

2 A student may be permitted to attend a school other than the school serving the
3 parents' residential area as stipulated in Policy 5131.

4 **Nonresident Students**

5 Students who are not residents of Miami-Dade County may attend the District as
6 stipulated in Policy 5131.

7 F.S. 1000.05, 1001.41, 1002.20, 1002.31, 1003.06

8 Revised 6/15/11

9 Revised 7/18/12

10 Revised 4/17/13

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