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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY: INITIAL
 READING: POLICY 2460, EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT
 EDUCATION**

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Authorization is requested to amend School Board Policy 2460, Exceptional Student Education, by repealing the document, *Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP&P) Effective Dates: 2013-2014 through 2015-2016*, incorporated therein by reference and made part of the policy, and promulgating the new document *Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP&P) Effective Dates: 2014-2015 through 2016-2017*. The document was amended and previously approved by the School Board at its meeting held on January 15, 2014. The SP&P serves as the basis for identification, evaluation, eligibility determination and placement of students in special education programs. The document is also a component of the District's application for supplemental student funds available through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

In accordance with the requirements set forth in Rule 6A-6.03411, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the SP&P must be submitted every three years to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) as a prerequisite for the use of weighted cost factors under the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). Board review and approval of the SP&P is required by law every three years to be in compliance with new requirements set forth in Florida Statutes and revisions to State Board of Education Rules.

In particular, the following substantive changes to the SP&P were made as a result of legislation that became effective July 1, 2014, and changes in State Board of Education Rules effective in 2014-2015:

- Restraint and seclusion data collection
- Definition of general education intervention procedures
- Diploma and Post-Secondary Options for students with disabilities
- Initiating evaluation procedures
- Requirement of development of Model Communication Plan for deaf, hard of hearing or sensory impaired students
- IEP changes for transitional needs
- Inclusion of local data for students who are determined eligible for gifted

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The core content of the SP&P reflects the federal and state policies and procedures related to exceptional student education that apply to all districts.

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 documents will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the amendment of Board Policy 2460, Exceptional Student Education.

The proposed new document and the document being repealed may be viewed online at:

<http://attachmentManagerFiles.dadeschools.net/getFile.ashx?id=jEO2ZDnD692kYEFV0/Njn9uNZGckUtr5p39UetuxYBHAsMbUhuSl8oaIF7u8mAqE&app=AttachmentManager>

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There is no additional cost to the District associated with this item.

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 Policy 2460, Exceptional Student Education, by repealing the document, *Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP&P) Effective Dates: 2013-2014 through 2015-2016*, and promulgating the document *Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP&P) Effective Dates: 2014-2015 through 2016-2017*, which is incorporated by reference and a part of this policy.

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2 The School Board shall provide a free, appropriate, public education for students
3 with disabilities according to State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations and
4 shall implement the procedures document entitled Exceptional Student Education
5 Policies and Procedures (SP & P), incorporated by reference.

6 F.S. 1001.41(1)(2), 1001.42(4)(1), 1002.20(21)(a), 1003.01(3), 1003.57, 1003.571
7 F.S. 1008.212, 1008.22(c)(3)(b)
8 F.A.C. 6A-6.03313 through 6A-6.0361
9 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.
10 34 C.F.R. 300.520

11 Revised 4/18/12
12 Revised 1/15/14

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