

Dr. Marta Pérez Wurtz, Board Member

**SUBJECT: STUDENT FUNDRAISING**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY**

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Students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools participate in numerous fundraising activities for the purpose of enhancing their educational experience, such as attending tournaments and conferences, and raising funds for charitable causes.

Many students sell candy as a quick way to raise funds. While the sales may be profitable, the message we send contradicts our mission to further the health and safety of our students. We do not serve candy to students as part of our meal program; we should not encourage its sale. Although our policies discourage fundraising during the school day, many students engage in the practice.

There are other alternatives our club sponsors should explore. These include fitness challenges, walk/run events, and other healthy options.

This item seeks to strengthen our policies by removing any mention of candy sales during school hours, and encouraging club sponsors to seek alternatives that can be just as profitable and do not compromise the health of our students.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. MARTA PÉREZ WURTZ:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures to amend School Board Policy 5830 – Student Fund-Raising, and any other applicable policies, by removing any mention of candy sales and encouraging club sponsors to seek alternative fund-raising options.