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SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-098 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING M-DCPS ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL WHO WERE CALLED BACK TO WORK OR VOLUNTEER TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY RELIEF DURING HURRICANE IRMA

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

The Superintendent of Schools declared a state of emergency effective 12:01 a.m., Thursday September 7, 2017. Shortly after, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) staff did not hesitate to assist before, during and after Hurricane Irma. For instance, volunteers, school police, maintenance employees, food service, bus drivers and school site administrators worked in the field, while the district administrators, region staff, senior staff and cabinet members coordinated efforts to provide support throughout the emergency.

Before Hurricane Irma made landfall, over 550 maintenance and 81 school facilities employees were deployed to secure buildings. About 1,000 school site administrators and custodians were tasked with securing the buildings and 730 school bus drivers transported special needs residents to shelters before the storm. Over 900 employees from various departments were tasked with opening and securing the 44 shelters that provided a safe haven for over 30,000 residents of Miami-Dade County. These employees included: principals and assistant principals, food service personnel, custodians, school police and volunteers from other areas.

At the shelters, 200 Food Service employees participated in food distributions and shelter operations and over 100 members of the school police department assisted with security throughout the emergency.

After Hurricane Irma had passed, M-DCPS staff was deployed to remove debris, address electrical issues and coordinate the cleanup to prepare for the reopening. The 730 school bus drivers conducted route dry runs to ensure the ability to safely transport students to school after the storm. With the assistance of all of these employees schools were able to reopen on September 18, 2017.

The employees of M-DCPS are to be commended for providing safety and shelter to all members of our community and for demonstrating valor in a time of crisis.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-098 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing M-DCPS essential personnel who were called back to work or volunteer to provide emergency relief during Hurricane Irma.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-098
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING M-DCPS ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL WHO WERE CALLED BACK TO WORK
OR VOLUNTEER TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY RELIEF DURING HURRICANE IRMA**

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools declared a state of emergency effective 12:01 a.m., Thursday September 7, 2017. Shortly after, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) staff did not hesitate to assist before, during and after Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, before Hurricane Irma made landfall, over 550 maintenance and 81 school facilities employees were deployed to secure buildings. About 1,000 school site administrators and custodians were tasked with securing the buildings and 730 school bus drivers transported special needs residents to shelters before the storm; and

WHEREAS, at the shelters, 200 Food Service employees participated in food distributions and shelter operations and over 100 members of the school police department assisted with security throughout the emergency; and

WHEREAS, after Hurricane Irma had passed, M-DCPS staff was deployed to remove debris, address electrical issues and coordinate the cleanup to prepare for the reopening. The 730 school bus drivers conducted route dry runs to ensure the ability to safely transport students to school after the storm. With the assistance of all of these employees schools were able to reopen on September 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the employees of M-DCPS are to be commended for providing safety and shelter to all members of our community and for demonstrating valor in a time of crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No 17-098 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing M-DCPS Essential Personnel Who Were Called Back to Work or Volunteer to Provide Emergency Relief during Hurricane Irma.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this eleventh day of October, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary