

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP MOBILIZE AND DEPLOY ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE IMPACTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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During the month of September 2017, Miami-Dade County was faced with many challenges due to Hurricane Irma's impact in our communities. One of the most powerful hurricanes to form in the Atlantic Ocean, Hurricane Irma, affected millions of residents in Florida. The assistance of volunteers are critical before, during and after a natural disaster to ensure the community enters a stage of normalcy as soon as possible. Having accessibility to a large pool of volunteers are essential to the relief and recovery efforts of communities affected by natural disasters.

Volunteers are able to support our students, their families and our community stakeholders by assisting in answering calls at operations centers, staffing shelters, distributing water and food before and after, assisting with debris removal and clean-up, and supporting other efforts. There are many organizations that provide volunteer assistance in terms of relief and recovery that can be utilized to support the affected communities. The District should provide ways for the community to assist by establishing partnerships with disaster response organizations that mobilize and deploy volunteers before, during and after natural disasters.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to review the feasibility of establishing partnerships with community-based organizations to help mobilize and deploy additional volunteers to assist with the effects of hurricane impacts in Miami-Dade County.