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**SUBJECT:** FINAL READING: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD  
POLICY 5410, STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT:** RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, announced on November 15, 2017 its intention to amend the document, *Student Progression Plan 2016-2017* and to promulgate the new document, *Student Progression Plan 2017-2018*. The amendment reflects actions by the Florida Legislature and the School Board. Additional changes have been made to incorporate current District procedures and enter new language, as appropriate.

Any changes that would have an impact on the *Student Progression Plan 2017-2018* based upon future interpretations or clarification of legislation by the Florida Department of Education will be communicated to appropriate staff by means of memoranda.

Highlights of amendments to the *Student Progression Plan 2017-2018* include:

- The 2017 Florida legislative session changes regarding student progression and graduation requirements from House Bill 7069 as follows:
  - Establish an Intensive Reading Acceleration Course at each school, when applicable, for any student retained in grade 3 who was previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, or grade 2. The intensive acceleration course must provide the following: a) uninterrupted reading instruction for the majority of student contact time each day and opportunities to master the grade 4 standards in other core subject areas through content-rich texts; b) small group instruction; c) reduced teacher-student ratios; d) use explicit, systematic, and multisensory reading interventions, including intensive

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language, phonics, and vocabulary instruction, and use of a speech-language therapist if necessary, that have proven results in accelerating student reading achievement within the same school year; e) read-at-home plan.

- Provide a Read-at-Home Plan with multisensory strategies that a parent can use in helping his or her child who exhibits a substantial deficiency in reading to succeed in reading.
- Eliminate the Algebra II end-of-course (EOC) assessment requirement.
- Delete the requirement for students who participate in two full seasons of an interscholastic sport to pass a competency test on personal fitness to satisfy the physical education credit required for graduation with a standard high school diploma.
- Designate the month of September as “American Founders’ Month.”
- Include civic literacy as one of the priorities of Florida’s K-20 education system, and the requirement of postsecondary students to demonstrate civic literacy competence.
- Satisfy the online course requirement through the completion of a blended learning course.
- Eliminate the required career and planning course for middle grades promotion.

The Notice of Intended Action was published in the Miami Daily Business Review on November 20, 2017, posted in various places for public information, and mailed to various organizations representing persons affected by the 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 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 is the Notice of Intended Action.

The new proposed policy and the policy to be amended may be viewed online at:

<http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/Final Reading 17-18 SPP.pdf>

Copies of the new document, Student Progression Plan 2017-2018, were distributed for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and a link to the document was provided to the Citizen Information Center, Room 102, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to adopt School Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan 2017-2018*, and authorize the Superintendent to file the policy with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida to be effective January 17, 2018.

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## NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on November 15, its intention to amend Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan*, at its meeting of January 17, 2018.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** To amend the *Student Progression Plan 2016-2017*. Changes to the updated *Student Progression Plan 2017-2018* are the result of actions by the Florida Legislature, interpretations or clarifications by the Florida Department of Education of statutes, or Florida Board of Education rules related to student progression.

**SUMMARY:** The document establishes the requirements and procedures for student progression within Miami-Dade County Public Schools. These procedures are related to student progression, retention, and special placement, grades K-12 and adult. The document proposed for amendment may be viewed at: [http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/SPP\\_2016-2017.pdf](http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/SPP_2016-2017.pdf) The document being amended may be viewed at: [http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/SPP\\_2016-2017.pdf](http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/SPP_2016-2017.pdf) Changes from the current document are indicated by underscoring words to be added and striking through words to be deleted.

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

**LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC:** Sections 1001.215; 1002.37; 1002.45; 1002.455; 1002.69; 1003.21; 1003.24; 1003.4156; 1003.4282; 1003.4285; 1003.44; 1003.455; 1003.498; 1003.57; 1008.22; 1008.25 F.S.

**IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF** January 17, 2018, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the 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 in Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by December 12, 2017, 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 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 102, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.