

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PROMOTE SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUTER SERVICES SCHOOLPOOL PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

During the School Board Meeting of June 18, 2014, agenda item H-5, *School Board Exploration of the Feasibility of Implementing the South Florida Commuter Services SchoolPool Program at Interested Schools*, was passed and allowed for schools to engage in the free South Florida Commuter Services (SFCS) SchoolPool Program to help alleviate traffic congestion around schools.

The SFCS was created under the auspices of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in 1989 to alleviate traffic congestion on major roadways by encouraging commuters to use alternative modes of transportation to get to work. In 2005, SFCS created the SchoolPool Program which expanded its original efforts to schools. This program utilizes ride-match software to allow for flexible scheduling and works by encouraging students and their families to carpool, bicycle, or walk to and from school with other children. All information provided to SFCS is kept confidential, with only email addresses or phone numbers being provided to the sharing families. The program also provides awareness, education, and incentives that can assist in reducing the number of vehicles to schools each day.

During the 2017-2018 school year, 8 schools actively participated in the program. With that, this agenda item requests for the Superintendent to seek a partnership with Miami-Dade County in an effort to promote and encourage further participation in the SchoolPool Program and initiatives that increase carpooling within our county.

This Agenda Item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request the Superintendent to:

- (a) Seek a partnership with Miami-Dade County to jointly market and promote participation in the Florida Department of Transportation's SchoolPool Program;
- (b) Examine additional opportunities to encourage Miami-Dade County residents to carpool to and from schools; and
- (c) Provide a report to the Board by June 20, 2018.