

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

Co-Sponsor: Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair } Added

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS) SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR THE GOVERNOR’S STERLING AWARD FOR PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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The Florida Sterling Council is the sole provider of Florida’s Governor’s Sterling Award (GSA) endorsed by the Governor and the National Baldrige Program. Since its inception, the Florida Sterling Council has recognized 84 organizations as Governor’s Sterling Award recipients and 17 as Governor’s Sterling Sustained Excellence Recipients.

For over 25 years, the Governor’s Sterling Award has recognized organizations and businesses in Florida that have successfully achieved performance excellence within their management and operations. This award is the highest recognition an organization in Florida can receive for performance excellence. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is ready to embark on this mission for its outstanding achievements in academics, finances, and community engagement, among many others. For the first time in the history of the Florida School Performance Grades, M-DCPS has achieved a district-wide grade of “A”; for the second year in a row there are no “F” rated traditional schools; in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), M-DCPS fourth graders ranked #1 in Reading and #2 in Mathematics; graduation rates continue to increase; M-DCPS received an unmodified (clean) opinion, which is the highest opinion that can be rendered on a set of financial statements, as reflected in the Comprehensive Financial Report (CARF); and Standard and Poor’s Global Ratings (S&P) has raised the District’s long-term rating with a stable outlook.

A second process in the recognition program is the Governor’s Sterling Sustained Excellence Award designed to enable Governor’s Sterling Award recipients (within four years) to retain their role model status. This high-level assessment process examines how well the organization has strengthened, improved, and innovated winning systems to ensure long term success and sustainability in a competitive environment.

The Governor’s Sterling Award assessment process is rigorous, consisting of an Organizational Profile and a formal 50 page application responding to the Sterling Criteria for Performance Excellence. Highly trained examiners review and evaluate the application and visit the site(s) to clarify and verify how well the organization has met the requirements of the Criteria. A Panel of Judges reviews the feedback report and the application for final determination of organizational performance excellence role model status for the State of Florida.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools to explore the feasibility of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) submitting an application for the Governor's Sterling Award for Performance Excellence, 2019 cycle, and report back to the Board by September 5, 2018.