

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: CYBER SECURITY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Cyber security is an important and growing issue as cyber-attacks continue to escalate and succeed. While technology has improved record keeping, communication, pedagogy, and teaching, a cyber-attack on an IT system can cripple public school operations and result in the theft of significant data and sensitive information.

Though technology expertise in Miami-Dade County Public Schools can be considered one of the best in the nation, there may be additional practices and decisions necessary for the Board to further consider in order to meet both the Board's fiduciary responsibility and duty of care. A recent national survey of school board members conducted by the National School Boards Association (NSBA) revealed a vital need for more information about school board members responsibilities, best practices, and resources. The findings undoubtedly demonstrate that school boards may need to take additional steps to protect information and communication. And, while there are no fool proof methods to stop cybercrime, there may be a number of additional practices that can significantly reduce risks.

This agenda item requests to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to review current practices, procedures, and realistic recommendations to enhance cyber security in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and report back to the board by October 10, 2018.

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 review current practices, procedures, and realistic recommendations to enhance cyber security in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and report back to the Board by October 10, 2018.