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SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF SAFE SPACES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS) CLASSROOMS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Commission has spent months inquiring and researching the actions or lack of actions which led to the attack at the Parkland high school last February. Recently, the Commission issued the first draft of recommendations and potential changes, ranging from fixes that would cost little and can be implemented immediately to changes that would take time and additional funds.

One of the recommendations in the draft report is to establish safe zones in each classroom where students and teachers are not visible from classroom doors or windows. These designated areas will provide safe places in which to shelter during an active shooter situation.

Currently, the Miami-Dade Schools Police is working diligently with School Operations to identify these safe zones in schools. The School Board may want to determine if these actions will require any amendments to current policies.

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 designate safe spaces, as appropriate, in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) classrooms and report back to the Board by March 15, 2019.

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