

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: ENCOURAGE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO UTILIZE THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNICATION RESOURCES TO RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF FLORIDA'S SALES TAX HOLIDAY

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

For a number of years, the Florida Legislature has authorized a sales tax-free weekend for basic school supplies in advance of the opening of the new school year. Typically, the exempt items have included clothing and basic supplies such as pencils, pens, notebooks, erasers and other school items. Undoubtedly, this provides parents an opportunity to save money benefiting many families as they purchase items their children need in order to start the school year prepared for success.

As we approach the opening of the 2019-2020 school year we anticipate that Floridians will once again be able to get more for their money during a sales tax holiday that is currently working its way through the legislative process. Historically, the Legislature has extended sales tax exemptions to a number of the technological learning tools that students will find useful in today's digital learning environment. It is expected that similar exemptions will again be provided.

As many in our community struggle to provide necessities, every opportunity for families to be able to save is welcomed and should be communicated so that as many people as possible may benefit. As such, it is in the best interest of the students and parents we serve to use the District's communication resources to make certain that Miami-Dade County citizens are aware of the upcoming tax free holiday period.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, encourage the Superintendent to utilize the District's communication resources to raise community awareness of Florida's anticipated annual sales tax holiday.