

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST THE SUPERINTENDENT TO REVIEW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING ENROLLMENT OF SIBLINGS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, & TECHNOLOGY

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In accordance with the Board's statutory responsibility to, "Determine policies and programs consistent with state law and rule deemed necessary by it for the efficient operation and general improvement of the district school system," (Section 1001.41(1), Florida Statutes); and in order to better serve our students and our community, this item requests the Superintendent to review the policies and procedures regarding the consideration afforded siblings during student enrollment.

Current School Board policies provide that, "Wherever possible and advisable in the interests of students in non-magnet schools and programs, siblings shall be assigned to the same school." School Board Policy 5120, *Student School Assignment and Attendance Boundary Committee*. Similarly, School Board Policy 2370, *Magnet Programs/Schools*, indicates "admission priority will be given for eligible applicants with older siblings already attending the Magnet program whose enrollment will be concurrent with that of the currently attending sibling(s) for at least the initial year of admission." This item is presented for the Board to request the Superintendent to review School Board policies related to student enrollment in all programs offered by district schools, and - if necessary - to recommend any appropriate amendments to ensure that practices and procedures are clearly delineated and are applied uniformly throughout our District.

This 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 review School Board policies related to student enrollment, specifically involving siblings, in all programs offered by district schools, and - if necessary - to initiate rule making procedures in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, to amend relevant policies to ensure that current practices and procedures are clearly delineated and are applied uniformly throughout our District.