

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE HIALEAH GARDENS PILOT SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC

BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The safety and security of all students, parents, and staff has always been a priority for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Throughout the years, this Board and the Superintendent have introduced and implemented numerous safety programs in all aspects of our school community. Recently, the State of Florida approved funding for the City of Hialeah Gardens Pilot School Safety Program. The program seeks to improve communications during an emergency, a critical aspect of improving response time and subsequently enhancing the safety and security of our schools.

The City of Hialeah Gardens Pilot School Safety Program will utilize the Mutualink K12, a communications and information sharing platform designed to improve communications during emergency situations. The Mutualink K12 is a school safety communications tool that helps schools connect with each other and with law enforcement and other first responders. The ability to instantly and securely share multimedia information in an emergency situation is a potentially life-saving asset to first responders and the students and teachers they are protecting. The interoperability platform works with panic buttons that instantly open communications between the school and first responders while also placing a 9-1-1 call. Radio, video, text messaging, and file sharing provide situational awareness and exponentially decreases response time.

This item requests the Superintendent to work with the City of Hialeah Gardens to implement the City of Hialeah Gardens Pilot School Safety Program for the 2019-2020 school year. This pilot program has been fully funded by 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 CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request the Superintendent to work with the City of Hialeah Gardens to implement the City of Hialeah Gardens Pilot School Safety Program for the 2019-2020 school year. This pilot program has been fully funded by the State of Florida.