

Financial Services
Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1 ON THE USE OF FY 2020-21
CATEGORICAL FLEXIBILITY**

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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Florida Statute 1011.62(6)(b) allows the Miami-Dade County Public School Board flexibility to expend the funds for the following Categorical Appropriations: Class Size Reduction, Digital Classrooms, Federally Connected Students, Guaranteed Allocation, Instructional Materials, Research-Based Reading Instruction, Student Transportation, and Supplemental Academic Instruction to maintain academic classroom instruction or improve school safety.

The District is requesting flexibility in the use of funds in the amount of \$11,444,633 for the Research-Based Reading Instruction program. The District will be able to certify that an amendment describing the changes that the District is making to its reading plan will be submitted to the Department of Education. Flexibility was not taken for any of the other programs.

The attached resolution in the format required by statute is submitted for approval.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt Resolution No. 1 to provide flexibility for the selected FY 2020-21 Categorical Programs as shown on the attached form in the amount of \$11,444,633.

Categorical Flexible Spending Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1011.62(6)(b), FLORIDA STATUTES (F.S.), PROVIDING THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD THE AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE FLEXIBILITY TO EXPEND FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE FUNDS RECEIVED FOR CLASS SIZE REDUCTION, DIGITAL CLASSROOMS, FEDERALLY-CONNECTED STUDENTS, GUARANTEED ALLOCATION, INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, RESEARCH-BASED READING INSTRUCTION, STUDENT TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION. THESE FUNDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO MAINTAIN ACADEMIC CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION OR IMPROVE SCHOOL SAFETY, AS SPECIFIED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.

WHEREAS, s. 1011.62(6)(b), F.S., provides flexibility to expend selected categorical funds and approve an amendment to the school district's 2020-21 operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of MIAMI-DADE County has approved necessary budget amendments to balance the 2020-21 budget; and

WHEREAS, the school board finds and declares that the funds received from the above-referenced specific state appropriations are urgently needed to maintain board-specified academic classroom instruction or to improve school safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The school board hereby approves using class size reduction funds in the amount of \$0.
2. The school board hereby approves using digital classroom funds in the amount of \$0.
3. The school board hereby approves using federally connected student funds in the amount of \$0.
4. The school board hereby approves using funds for guaranteed allocation in the amount of \$0.
5. The school board hereby approves using instructional materials funds in the amount of \$0 and certifies that all instructional material purchases necessary to provide updated materials that are aligned with applicable state standards and course descriptions and that meet statutory requirements of content and learning have been completed for the fiscal year, but no sooner than March 1.
6. The school board hereby approves using research-based reading instruction funds in the amount of \$11,444,633 and certifies that the required additional hours of instruction have been provided for students in designated lowest-performing elementary schools (if applicable). An amendment describing the changes that the district is making to its reading plan will be submitted to the Florida Department of Education.
7. The school board hereby approves using student transportation funds in the amount of \$0.
8. The school board hereby approves using supplemental academic instruction funds, as provided in s. 1011.62(1)(f), F.S., in the amount of \$0.

Total amount of Categorical Flexibility Funds: \$11,444,633.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

I, Alberto M. Carvalho, superintendent of schools and ex-officio secretary of the District School Board of MIAMI-DADE County, Florida, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the District School Board of MIAMI-DADE County, Florida, on September 9, 2020.

Signature of District School Superintendent

Date of Signature