

Office of School Board Members  
School Board Meeting of September 9, 2020

September 8, 2020

Dr. Marta Pérez, School Board Member

**SUBJECT: MY SCHOOL ONLINE PLATFORM POWERED BY THE K12 CONTRACT**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

A data sharing agreement with K12 Florida LLC was negotiated and tentatively approved by district staff on July 28, 2020 in anticipation of the reopening of District schools for the 2020-2021 school year. On August 17, 2020, district staff signed-off on the purchase of the K12 Miami-Dade Enterprise License for one year at a cost of \$15,350,000.00, and the School Board Attorney's Office approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

Challenges and issues have been reported since the launch of the training and professional development of K12. Concerns and issues have been voiced by teachers, students, and parents. Since the first day of school on August 31, 2020, teachers, students, and parents have not been able to successfully use the my school online powered by K12. As a result, many teachers have resorted to using Microsoft Teams products for distance learning which is available to every teacher and student of M-DCPS via the district portal.

Unfortunately, time was not on our side. K12 believed that they could get it done by the beginning of the school year and they have graciously acknowledged their responsibility in the inability to effectively have a fully working platform on August 31, 2020. Nonetheless, as a Board, it is our responsibility to make sure our students are getting what they readily need to properly attend their classes in a virtual environment.

This item does not appear in the published Agenda. There is good cause to vary from the Agenda as the difficulties and issues with K12 platform persist after the agenda was published, and these are matters of great importance to our students, parents, teachers, and the entire Miami-Dade County Public Schools community.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**Good Cause  
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**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the superintendent:

1. to take measures to remediate the problems that have arisen with the K12 contract and online platform, including, but not limited to, terminating use of the My School Online powered by K12 platform for Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and
2. consider allowing teachers to use Microsoft Teams products or any other district approved distance learning products which are available to every teacher and student of M-DCPS via the district portal.