

Dr. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS WITH HEALTH EXPERTS

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION

LINK TO STRATEGIC

BLUEPRINT: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

Prior to presenting the re-opening plans to the School Board, the District has consulted with an ad-hoc group of public health and medical experts that have met to make recommendations to our Superintendent. The work of this group of highly qualified experts and professionals is to be commended and their continued services to the District is to be encouraged throughout the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Although each Board member was given the opportunity to designate a representative to this committee, due to the makeup of this ad-hoc taskforce and the structure of their meetings, Board members have been limited in their ability to participate and to engage with these medical professionals on issues that are vital to our community. As such, it has been difficult for Board members to directly address questions and concerns regarding issues involving the reopening of our schools (for example, the appropriate criteria for reopening, proper health and safety guidelines, best practices for preparing schools to re-open, etc.) to these medical professionals and health experts.

This item is presented for the Board to consider requesting that the Superintendent revise the structure of the public health and medical experts meetings to allow all Board members to participate in these meetings in accordance with the Sunshine Law. Participation at these meetings by all the Board members may extend the length of these meetings, but it will also ensure that all Board members' concerns and questions are presented in an open and transparent manner to the committee.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to structure any future public health and medical experts meetings during the pandemic, so that the meetings allow the participation of all Board members in the meetings while adhering to Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine Law.