

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

**SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS) COVID-19  
GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL AND COVID-19  
PARENT HANDBOOK**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

During the past few weeks, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) successfully reopened schools utilizing the My School Online Model and the School House Model. Everyone's goal was to reopen schools as safely and quickly as possible given the many known and established benefits of in-person teaching and learning. It was also important to adopt and diligently implement actions to safeguard the slow spread of COVID-19 inside the school and out in the community ensuring the fidelity and everyone's commitment to implement proven mitigation strategies.

M-DCPS developed the 2020-2021 *Guide to the Reopening of Miami-Dade County Public Schools – Reopen Smart Return Safe* and resources for parents in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole. These outstanding documents are available in the district's Reopening of Schools website. The content of these documents continues to evolve as we learn more about the virus and the impact on students, teachers, and the M-DCPS workforce. Updates and additional guidelines have been provided to schools via the weekly briefings, however, we need to make sure that all of the information is included in one document, easily accessible to all those who have to implement these strategies and procedures. Additionally, parents continue to raise questions and inquiries about the uniformity and consistency throughout the school district of a number of procedures delineated in the Reopening of Schools website.

This agenda item seeks to direct the Superintendent of Schools to review, update, and/or develop a COVID-19 Parent Handbook in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole, in consultation with the County Council PTA/PTSA; and the 2020-2021 *Guide to the Reopening of Miami-Dade County Public Schools – Reopen Smart Return Safe* inclusive of the most recent briefings submitted to schools and in compliance with federal, state, and local health protocols ensuring uniformity and consistency; and provide a report to the Board by January 12, 2021.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

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