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**SUBJECT: INITIAL READING: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD
POLICY 5410, STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN**

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

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This item is submitted for consideration by the Board to amend School Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan 2019-2020*. Changes in the document reflect actions by the 2020 Florida Legislature and the School Board. Additional changes have been made to incorporate current District procedures and enter new language, as appropriate.

Any changes that would have an impact on the *Student Progression Plan 2020-2021* based upon future interpretations or clarification of legislation by the Florida Department of Education will be communicated to appropriate staff by means of memoranda. Changes to the 2019-2020 edition of the *Student Progression Plan* are summarized on pages 1, 2, and 3 of the document.

Highlights of amendments to the *Student Progression Plan 2020-2021* include changes regarding student progression, graduation, and required instruction as follows:

- Per [Florida State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.09422, Florida Administrative Code \(F.A.C\)](#) effective August 18, 2020, eligible students may use a passing score on the Geometry end-of-course (EOC) assessment as a comparative score for the Algebra 1 end-of-course (EOC) assessment. Students may retake the Geometry end-of-course assessment as an opportunity to meet the graduation requirement if they previously failed the assessment.

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- Per [Florida Statutes § 1003.42](#), adds the policy, definition, and historical and current examples of anti-Semitism, as described in [s. 1000.05\(7\)](#), and the prevention of anti-Semitism, to the requirements of Holocaust instruction as part of the list of required instruction that school districts must annually certify and provide evidence of to the department in accordance with [Florida State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.094124](#). This statute also designates the second week in November as “Holocaust Education Week” in Florida.

Attached is the Notice of Intended Action.

The new proposed policy and the policy proposed for amendment may be viewed online at:

New proposed policy: https://api.dadeschools.net/WMSFiles/10/links/1-Initial%20Reading_20-21_SPP%20Document.pdf

Policy proposed for amendment: http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/2019-2020_SPP.pdf

Changes from the current policy are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

Copies of the new document, *Student Progression Plan 2020-2021*, will be available for inspection by the public in the office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 102, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the amendment of Board Policy 5410, Student Progression Plan.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend Board Policy 5410, Student Progression Plan.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on November 18, 2020 its intention to amend Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan*, at its meeting of January 13, 2021.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To amend the *Student Progression Plan 2019-2020*. Changes to the updated *Student Progression Plan 2020-2021* are the result of actions by the Florida Legislature, interpretations or clarifications by the Florida Department of Education of statutes, or Florida State Board of Education rules related to student progression.

SUMMARY: The document establishes the requirements and procedures for student progression within Miami-Dade County Public Schools. These procedures are related to student progression, retention, and special placement, grades K-12 and adult. The document proposed for amendment may be viewed at: https://api.dadeschools.net/WMSFiles/10/links/1-Initial%20Reading_20-21_SPP%20Document.pdf The document being amended may be viewed at: http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/2019-2020_SPP.pdf Changes from the current document are indicated by underscoring words to be added and striking through words to be deleted.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: Sections 1001.41(1) and (2); 1001.42 (25); and 1001.43 (10) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC: Florida State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.09422, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C) dated July 15, 2020 and Florida Statutes § 1003.42.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF January 13, 2021 which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Auditorium, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided in Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by December 16, 2020 to the Superintendent of Schools, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED POLICY is available at cost to the public for inspection and copying in the Citizen Information Center, Room 102, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.