

Office of the Superintendent
Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SPRING 2021 EDUCATION PLAN

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS & INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

On March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida declared a state of emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The state of emergency has been extended by several Executive Orders (EO): EO 20-114, 20-166, 20-192, and most recently, EO 20-276, issued on November 3, 2020. On October 23, 2020, the School Board approved Agenda Item H-23 *Advocate For The Extension Of The Funding Hold Harmless For The Full Fiscal Year 2020-2021 And A Hold Harmless On The Consequences Related To The State Accountability System*, brought forward by Board Member Dr. Lubby Navarro, and unanimously co-sponsored, wherein Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair of the Board, was requested and authorized to submit a letter on the Board's behalf to the FLDOE advocating for an extension of reporting and funding flexibility. On November 30, 2020, Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran issued Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) Emergency Order No. 2020-EO-07, thereby extending Emergency Order No. 2020-EO-06 providing for a continuation of innovative learning models as well as school district funding flexibility under certain conditions through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

In order to qualify for the relief provided for in Emergency Order No. 2020-EO-07, each District must submit a Spring 2021 Education Plan and Assurances (Plan) to the FLDOE by Tuesday, December 15, 2020. Any Plan submitted to the FLDOE must provide the following:

- Brick and mortar schools must remain open at least five days per week for all students, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, and subsequent executive orders.
- Districts may continue to provide parents with the choice of a brick and mortar schoolhouse model or a remote/online learning option; however, parents must be afforded the opportunity to alter the learning modality (in-person, My School

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Online) that best suits their child's needs, without unreasonable restrictions.

- Districts must continue progress monitoring and must share that information with parents and the FLDOE.
- Charter schools must be provided with flexibility to continue their innovative learning models.
- A full panoply of services must continue to be provided to students including English Language Learners and those with Individual Educational Plans.

Given the brief timeframe associated with submission of this plan, staff began drafting the components immediately following the technical assistance webinar provided by the FLDOE on November 30, 2020. Many of the requirements stipulated in Emergency Order 2020-EO-07 are activities the District is currently engaged in, including our efforts to identify and communicate with students who are truant and/or struggling.

A copy of the proposed Plan will be provided to the Board for its review and consideration as soon as it is finalized, and in advance of the School Board Meeting of December 9, 2020.

This item does not appear in the published Agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published agenda because Emergency Order No. 2020-EO-07, which requires that the Spring 2021 Education Plan and Assurances ("Plan") be submitted to the FLDOE by December 15, 2020, was issued on November 30, 2020, after the publication of this Agenda, and because said Plan must be submitted before the next regular School Board Meeting.

This item has been reviewed by the School Board Attorney for legal sufficiency.

RECOMMENDED:

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

- 1) approve the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Spring 2021 Education Plan;
- 2) authorize the Superintendent to execute the District Education Assurances associated with the Plan; and
- 3) authorize transmittal of the Plan to the Florida Department of Education.