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**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is committed to policies and practices that promote and support expanded and equitable participation by small/micro, minority/women, and veteran owned businesses. School Board Policy 6320.02 governs this commitment and promotes the development, economic inclusion, and growth of small/micro, minority/women and veteran businesses.

The School Board also supports and promotes the economic development and growth of small/micro, minority/women, and veteran owned businesses through its certification program, community outreach programs, contract review and monitoring activities in addition to ongoing interaction with other municipal agencies, quasi-public agencies and the local marketplace.

The above commitment to inclusive practices geared toward small/micro, minority/women, and veteran owned businesses must be demonstrated and evidenced in all areas in which procurement processes are implemented. Thus, School Board Policy 6320.06 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Business Operations and Practices, states in part that, *“The School Board encourages and fosters an environment of diversity, equity, and inclusion in all of its business operations and practices. Inherent in this policy is the Board’s commitment to ensuring that the rich tapestry of diversity, inclusion of varying ideas, backgrounds, and perspectives, if collectively recognized, creates cultural value and endorses the Board’s obligation to eliminating perceived, artificial, or actual barriers to business engagements with the District and flourish without the impediments or barriers of discrimination.”*

In addition, School Board Policy 6320.07, *Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds* states that *“Procurement of all supplies, materials, equipment, and services paid for from Federal funds or District matching funds shall be made in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local statutes and/or regulations, the terms and conditions of the Federal grant, School Board policies, and administrative procedures.”*

The above confirms that paradigms, policies, and practices should also be reflected in the procurement operations of the District's Food and Nutrition Program which provides school food services consistent with the nutritional needs of students, as well as those services that contribute to the student's educational experiences and the development of desirable eating habits. Such food and nutrition purchases must comply with State Board of Education Rule, F.A.C. 6A-1.012, *Purchasing Policies*, and National School Lunch Regulations, 7 C.F.R., Part 210.

This item seeks to direct the Superintendent to review the procurement practices and protocols of the District's Food and Nutrition Program as they specifically relate to the alignment and compliance with School Board Policy 6320.02, *Small/Micro, Minority/Women, and Veteran Business Enterprise* Programs and provide an expenditure report for the fiscal years ending June 2018, 2019, and 2020, to determine the levels and amount of contracting with certified small/micro, minority/women, and veteran owned businesses.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

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

1. review the procurement practices and protocols of the District's Food and Nutrition Program as they specifically relate to the alignment and compliance with School Board Policy 6320.02, *Small/Micro, Minority/Women, and Veteran Business Enterprise Programs*;
2. provide an expenditure report for the fiscal years ending June 2018, 2019, and 2020, to determine the levels and amount of contracting with certified small/micro, minority/women, and veteran owned businesses; and
3. provide an update to the School Board no later than October 1, 2021.