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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY: FINAL  
READING 5120, ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT**

**COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, announced on June 13, 2012, its intention to amend School Board Policy 5120, Assignment Within District, at its meeting of July 18, 2012.

The Attendance Boundary Committee is recommending the following:

- Establish new boundaries for the 2012-2013 school year for Kelsey L. Pharr Elementary School, Maya Angelou Elementary School, Comstock Elementary School, Brownsville Middle School, Carol City Middle School, Norland Middle School, Horace Mann Middle School, Thena C. Crowder Elementary School, Holmes Elementary School, Orchard Villa Elementary School, Toussaint L'Ouverture Elementary School, Jose De Diego Middle School, Riverside Elementary School and Frederick Douglass Elementary School.

The Notice of Intended Action was published in the *Miami Daily Business Review* on June 18, 2012, posted in various places for public information and mailed to various organizations representing persons affected by the amended policy and to individuals requesting notification.

The time to request a hearing or protest the adoption of this policy has elapsed.

In accordance with provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, this amended policy is presented to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for adoption and authorization to file the policy in the official records of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Attached are the Notice of Intended Action and the policy proposed for amendment. Changes from the current policy are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

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Copies of the documents, *Attendance Zone Recommendations and Related Administrative Actions 2012-2013*, and *Attendance Zones Previously Approved by the Board 2011-2012*, will be provided to School Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Additionally, these documents are available at:

[http://pdfs.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/071812/Attendance\\_Zone\\_Recommendations\\_and\\_Related\\_Administrative\\_Actions\\_2012-2013.pdf](http://pdfs.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/071812/Attendance_Zone_Recommendations_and_Related_Administrative_Actions_2012-2013.pdf)

[http://pdfs.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/061312/Attendance\\_Areas\\_Previously\\_Approved\\_2011-2012\\_Manual.pdf](http://pdfs.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/061312/Attendance_Areas_Previously_Approved_2011-2012_Manual.pdf)

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt amended School Board Policy 5120, Assignment Within District and the document, *Attendance Zone Recommendations and Related Administrative Actions 2012-2013*, which is incorporated by reference and is part of this policy, and authorize the Superintendent to file the policy with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be effective July 18, 2012.

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## NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on June 13, 2012, its intention to amend Board Policy 5120, Assignment Within District, at its meeting of July 18, 2012.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** To establish attendance zones for elementary and secondary schools for the 2012-2013 school year, which, in effect, relieves overcrowding and better utilizes existing student stations.

**SUMMARY:** Board approval of this policy would support previously approved attendance zones and subsequently establishes all Board-approved attendance zones as a Board policy.

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

**LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC:** 1000.05; 1001.41; 1002.20; 1002.31; 1003.06, F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING of July 18, 2012, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Administration Building, 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 by Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by July 10, 2012, 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 to be 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 158, 1450 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Originator: Dr. Marcos M. Moran  
Supervisor: Freddie Woodson  
Date: May 30, 2012

1 The Board-approved school attendance zones for the current school year are  
2 contained in the following documents:

3 A. Attendance Zones Previously approved by the Board - ~~2010-2011~~  
4 2011-2012;

5 B. Attendance Zone Recommendations and Related Administrative  
6 Actions - ~~2011-2012~~ 2012-2013.

7 Copies of these documents are incorporated by reference in this policy and made a  
8 part hereof. They are on file in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and in the  
9 Citizen Information Center.

10 No assignment to schools or attendance schedules shall discriminate against  
11 students on the basis of gender, race, religion, disability, or national origin.

12 The parent of siblings who are assigned to the same grade level and school may  
13 request that the school place the siblings in the same classroom or in separate  
14 classrooms. This request must be made no later than five (5) days before the first  
15 day of school each school year or five (5) days after the first day of attendance of the  
16 students if the students are enrolled in school after the school year commences.  
17 The school is not required to meet the request if there is factual evidence indicating  
18 a specific placement is better for the student than that requested by the parent.

19 The Superintendent may assign a student to a school other than that designated by  
20 the attendance area when such exception is justified by circumstances and is in the  
21 best interest of the student.

22 Every effort shall be made to continue a student in the elementary school to which  
23 s/he is initially assigned.

24 Wherever possible and advisable in the interests of the students, siblings shall be  
25 assigned to the same building.

26 The Superintendent shall assign incoming transfer students to such schools, grades,  
27 and classes as may afford each student the greatest likelihood of realizing fullest  
28 educational potential.

29 The principal shall assign students in his/her school to appropriate grades, classes,  
30 or groups. This action shall be based on consideration of the needs of the student  
31 as well as the administration of the school.



**Request For Out-Of-Area Assignment**

A student may be permitted to attend a school other than the school serving the parents' residential area as stipulated in Policy 5131.

**Nonresident Students**

Students who are not residents of Miami-Dade County may attend the District as stipulated in Policy 5131.

F.S. 1000.05, 1001.41, 1002.20, 1002.31, 1003.06

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