

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

SUBJECT: SBE/MBE LOCAL VENDOR FOOD SERVICE

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY, & GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

SBE/MBE and local vendor preference policies are used to encourage local, small and minority businesses to participate in Miami-Dade County Public Schools' procurement process. In an effort to increase participation, Miami Dade County Public Schools should ensure that its policies are applied consistently throughout the school district.

While the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Department works closely with the Procurement Management Services Office to adhere to all District Procurement Rules and Board Policies in all purchases, in certain instances Federal or State government regulations prohibit the district from applying the SBE/MBE or local vendor preference policies. It is requested that the Department of Food and Nutrition continue to expand efforts to facilitate the participation of local, small, and minority businesses wherever possible in a manner consistent with Board Policy and State and Federal guidelines.

In an effort to increase transparency and broader, more uniform application of the Board's procurement policies, it is requested that the Superintendent clearly delineate language in Local-Vendor Preference Policy 6320.05 when and where Miami-Dade County Public Schools' local vendor preference and SBE/MBE policies are applicable to the procurement of food, within State and Federal guidelines.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. CARLOS L. CURBELO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to clearly delineate when and where Miami-Dade County Public Schools' local vendor preference and SBE/MBE policies are applicable to the procurement of food.