

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF DISTRICT'S REFUGEE EMERGENCY
CONTINGENCY PLAN TO ADDRESS POTENTIAL INFLUX
OF VENEZUELAN STUDENTS AS A RESULT OF POLITICAL
TURMOIL IN THEIR HOME COUNTRY**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Given the recent wave of protests that have been taking place across Venezuela for almost a month now, and the fluctuating nature of the country's political situation, it would be prudent for the school district to consider updating its plan of action for dealing with a potential wave of new immigrants into our community. As the political crisis in Venezuela worsens, the U.S. could begin expediting requests for refugee status and increasing the number of approvals of such requests. This could directly impact the number of new students coming into our schools given the large number of Venezuelans with family and friends in our community.

To that end, this item requests that the administration update the district's Refugee Emergency Contingency Plan to address the availability of space and resources needed in case a large influx of children from Venezuela begin to arrive in our schools.

This item does not appear on the published Agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published Agenda as the political crisis in Venezuela remains highly volatile and could potentially lead to a significant influx of new students into our schools as soon as this month.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

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

1. review and update the District's Refugee Emergency Contingency Plan to address a potential influx of Venezuelan students to Miami-Dade and monitor new student enrollment in schools at or above capacity in relation to the same; and
2. report back to the Board by its April 9, 2014 School Board Meeting.

**Good Cause
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