

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT REVIEW EXISTING  
GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF  
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS BY SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       AND       COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

In order to graduate, all M-DCPS students are required to complete community service hours. Additionally, in order to qualify for many private and state-sponsored scholarships, students are required to perform a minimum of one hundred (100) hours of community service before graduation. Students, parents, and school administrators are sometimes uncertain as to the type of volunteer activities that would be prohibited in fulfilling this requirement, including, but not limited to, volunteering for political campaigns.

In order to provide specific guidance to students, parents, and school site personnel as to the types of volunteer activities that are acceptable as a source of community service hours, this item requests that the Superintendent review existing guidelines and procedures to delineate the types of volunteer activities that may not be accepted by schools toward fulfilling a student's community service hours requirement.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request that the Superintendent review existing guidelines and procedures delineating the types of volunteer activities that may be accepted, as well as those that are prohibited from being considered, toward students' community service record, and recommend appropriate revisions if necessary.

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