Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of January 14, 2015

January 8, 2015

Marie Izquierdo, Chief Academic Officer
Office of Academics and Transformation

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY: FINAL READING: POLICY 5410, STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN**

COMMITTEE: **ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: **EDUCATION**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida announced on December 10, 2014, its intention to amend School Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan 2013-2014*, at its meeting of January 14, 2015. Changes in the document reflect actions by the 2014 Florida Legislature and the School Board. Additional changes have been made to incorporate current District procedures and enter new language, as appropriate.

Any changes that would have an impact on the *Student Progression Plan 2014-2015* based upon future interpretations or clarification of legislation by the Florida Department of Education will be communicated to appropriate staff by means of memoranda. Changes to the 2013-2014 edition of the *Student Progression Plan* are summarized on pages vi and vii of the document.

Highlights of amendments to the *Student Progression Plan 2014-2015* include:

- The change to the Florida Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics;
- State assessment updates including information about the Statewide, Standardized Assessments and exemptions for students with medical complexities;
- Revised requirements for a standard high school diploma and standard diploma designations;
- The elimination of the special diploma for students with disabilities and changes in diploma options for students with disabilities, pending rules from the State Board of Education;
- A change in the Good Cause Exemption for third grade students indicating that students may not be retained in grade three more than once.

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The Notice of Intended Action was published in the *Miami Daily Business Review* on Monday, December 15, 2014, posted in various places for public information, and mailed to various organizations representing persons affected by the policy and to individuals requesting notification.

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

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, this 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 is the Notice of Intended Action.

Copies of the document, *Student Progression Plan 2014-2015*, 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.

The proposed amended document may be viewed online at:

- http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/2014-2015_SPP.pdf

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to adopt School Board Policy 5410, Student Progression Plan 2014-2015, and authorize the Superintendent to file the policy with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida to be effective January 14, 2015.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on December 10, 2014, its intention to amend Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan,* at its meeting of January 14, 2015.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The changes to the updated *Student Progression Plan 2014-2015* are the result of actions by the Florida Legislature, interpretations or clarifications by the Florida Department of Education of statutes, or Florida Board of Education rules related to student progression. In addition, recommendations from various stakeholder groups have been incorporated into this document.

SUMMARY: The document establishes the requirements and procedures for student progression within Miami-Dade County Public Schools. These procedures are related to student progression, retention, and special placement, grades K-12 and adult. The full document can be viewed at:

http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/2014-2015_SPP.pdf

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

LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC: Sections 1001.41(3); 1001.42(6); 1003.41; 1003.413; 1003.4156; 1003.428; 1003.429; 1003.4295; 1003.43; 1008.22; 1008.25 F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF January 14, 2015, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the 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 in Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by January 7, 2015, 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 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 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Originator: Dr. Maria P. de Armas
Supervisor: Ms. Marie Izquierdo
Date: November 24, 2014