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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE THE CREATION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEAL OF BILITERACY TO RECOGNIZE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO HAVE ATTAINED A HIGH LEVEL OF COMPETENCY IN A WORLD LANGUAGE

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

The Seal of Biliteracy initiative recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of competency in listening, speaking, reading and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. The purpose of the Seal of Biliteracy is to encourage students to study languages, certify attainment of biliteracy, provide employers with a method of identifying an individual who has language and biliteracy skills, and promote world language instruction in public schools.

The Seal of Biliteracy shall be awarded upon graduation to a high school student who:

1. completed the English requirements for graduation with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above;
2. earned a level 3 or above on the grade 10 statewide, standardized assessment in Reading/English Language Arts (FCAT/FSA); and
3. successfully completed four credits of sequential high school world language instruction, attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher in such courses, and demonstrated competency in one or more languages other than English through one of the following:
 - a) passed a World Language International Baccalaureate examination;
 - b) passed a World Language Advanced Placement examination; or
 - c) passed a World Language Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Seal of Biliteracy and begin recognizing students who have attained a high level of competency in a World Language upon graduation at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.