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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S DIGITAL CLASSROOMS PLAN TO OBTAIN FUNDING UNDER THE FLORIDA DIGITAL CLASSROOMS ALLOCATION (H.B.5101)

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

The Florida Digital Classrooms Allocation (H.B.5101), signed into law in June 2014, was created "to support school district and school efforts and strategies to improve student outcomes related to student performance by integrating technology in classroom teaching and learning." The law requires that plans be developed collaboratively by curriculum and information technology staff and that district school boards approve the plans prior to submission to the Department of Education.

The plan must include, and be annually updated to reflect, the following:

1. Measurable student performance
2. Digital learning and technology infrastructure
3. Professional development
4. Digital tools
5. Online assessment-related purchases

Annually, the Legislature will provide – in the General Appropriations Act – the FEFP allocation for implementation, and funds allocated must support the digital classroom plan. School districts must allocate a proportionate share of the digital classrooms allocation to charter schools. Seventy-seven charter school applications were submitted and approved by district staff.

Staff in the Office of Innovation and School Choice developed the district's 2015-2016 Digital Classrooms Plan. It is an updated version of last year's submission and is based on the District's Digital Convergence initiative. Funds from the Digital Classrooms Allocation will be used to offset the cost of mobile devices for tenth grade language arts classrooms purchased through the Banc of America Technology lease. The district's share of the Digital Classrooms Allocation is \$5.6 million which includes funds for charter schools.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the Digital Classrooms Plan developed by the Office of Innovation and School Choice.