

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: UTILIZE WLRN ASSETS TO ENHANCE M-DCPS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

The School Board has a long and successful history with acquiring and utilizing telecommunications technologies for education and community service. WLRN Radio signed on in 1948 and is the longest running NPR member in Florida, becoming a charter member in 1970. WLRN TV signed on in 1962 as an early member of National Educational Television - the forerunner of what was to become the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

WLRN Public Television is South Florida's official Ready to Learn PBS station broadcasting more than 60-hours per week of award-winning children's programming. For more than 65-years WLRN has been an educational resource for the community and the classroom. WLRN provides and creates accessible, diverse, and family-friendly content through community engagement, online resources, and programming.

To that end, the Superintendent and WLRN continue to develop new initiatives that extend the stations' educational reach into and outside of the classroom. Three upcoming initiatives include:

1. Documentaries and other original content produced by WLRN will be made available to teachers, parents, students, and the community at-large on WLRN.org;
2. Video segments will be produced by WLRN in collaboration with M-DCPS Early Childhood Programs to educate parents on the importance of developing young learners from birth to age five by providing parenting tips regarding school readiness and developing lifelong learners; and
3. WLRN's journalism internship program will be expanded to include a greater number of opportunities for M-DCPS high school students.

Therefore, it is in the best interest of M-DCPS and the students we serve that these efforts continue and are widely publicized.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County,
Florida:

- 1). endorse the efforts of the Superintendent and WLRN Management to develop programming, initiatives, and opportunities which will enhance and support M-DCPS' educational programs; and
- 2.) support efforts to ensure that such programming, initiatives and opportunities are widely publicized.