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SUBJECT: DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO PARENTS AND COMMUNITY AS IT RELATES TO ENROLLMENT EVENTS AND LOCATIONS, AS WELL AS HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN OPTIONS UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED, AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, about 16.4 million uninsured people have gained health insurance coverage - the largest reduction in the uninsured in four decades. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, "the uninsured rate in Florida in 2014 was 18.3 percent, down from 22.1 percent in 2013."

During the most recent enrollment period that began November 15, 2014 and ended February 15, 2015, more than 1.6 million Floridians selected a private health plan in the exchange. Florida was number one in the country for people who signed up for health insurance through its marketplace than any other state during 2015 open enrollment.

Under the health care law, which was recently upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court on June 25, 2015, if your plan covers children, you can now add or keep your children on your health insurance policy until they turn 26 years old. Because of this provision, over 2.3 million uninsured young people have gained coverage nationwide.

According to the Office of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), "17.6 million uninsured people have gained health coverage as the law's coverage provisions have taken effect."

The ASPE report also provided the following data collected between October 2013 and September 12, 2015:

- Among Whites, the uninsured rate declined by 6.0 percentage points, from a baseline uninsured rate of 14.3 percent to 8.3 percent, resulting in 7.4 million adults gaining coverage.
- Among African Americans, the uninsured rate declined by 10.3 percentage points, from a baseline uninsured rate of 22.4 percent to 12.1 percent, resulting in 2.6 million adults gaining coverage.
- Among Hispanics, the uninsured rate declined by 11.5 percentage points, from a baseline uninsured rate of 41.8 percent to 30.3 percent, resulting in about 4.0 million adults gaining coverage.

Open enrollment for 2016 coverage starts on November 1, 2015 and ends on December 15, 2015 for new coverage to start January 1, 2016. The deadline for enrollment for new coverage to start on February 1, 2016 is January 15, 2015 and the deadline for enrollment for new coverage to start on March 1, 2016 is January 31, 2016.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
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That The School Board of Miami-Dade County Florida, authorize the Superintendent to disseminate information to parents of M-DCPS students and the community regarding the upcoming enrollment dates and events related to the 2016 Open Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act, as well as providing information where individuals may go to find specifics on coverage options and premium costs.