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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CERTIFY THE 2016-2017 CLASS SIZE COMPLIANCE PLAN

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

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In accordance with the Class Size Reduction Amendment to the Florida Constitution s. 1002.31, F.S., Controlled Open Enrollment; and amended s. 1002.31, F.S., Public School Parental Choice, Miami-Dade County Public Schools traditional, schools/program of choice and Magnet schools met compliance with the average number of students at the school level.

In compliance with state law, a plan must be certified by the School Board and submitted to the Commissioner of Education by February 1, 2016, that describes the specific actions to be taken to fully comply with class size reduction requirements by October 2016, the next school year.

Detailed below is the Class Size Compliance Plan that contains actions that will be implemented during the 2016-2017 school year for those schools not in compliance:

- Implement a process that ensures all schools are reported as traditional or choice.
- Provide parental preferential school choice to schools with choice programs.
- Facilitate student school reassignments using parents indicated preferential school choice.
- Promote dual enrollment opportunities to qualified students in high schools.
- Provide a program of instruction provided in an interactive learning environment created through technology in which students are separated from their teachers by time or space, or both.
- Utilize Blended Learning an opportunity where the student has control over the pace, time, place and path of learning and 50% occurs in brick-mortar school with face-to-face interaction.

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- Use methods to maximize use of instructional staff, such as assigning traditional non-classroom instructional staff to a classroom; scheduling of planning periods, deploying district employees with core-curricular certification to the classrooms.
- Identify under-enrolled electives and accommodate students' alternate requests prior to finalizing secondary schools' master schedules.
- Adopt alternative methods of class scheduling, such as block schedule, departmentalization and common planning.
- Consolidate core course offerings in secondary schools implementing career academies.
- Monitor class size status district-wide and provide feedback to schools, regions and district offices that identify strategies for full compliance.
- Provide district-led technical assistance to schools, on a case-by-case basis, to identify classrooms not in compliance with class size and provide possible options to adjust the master schedule to mitigate class size.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, certify the 2016-2017 Class Size Compliance Plan.

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