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SUBJECT: POSTHUMOUS CONFERRING OF HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS TO PARENTS OF DECEASED STUDENTS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

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The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida aims to provide the highest quality education so that all of our students are empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives as lifelong learners and responsible citizens. Regrettably, due to the various external factors out of the control of M-DCPS, we face the reality of experiencing the untimely deaths of so many of our bright children.

The School Board provides numerous areas of support and assistance to those families affected by the untimely deaths of their young loved ones.

While we cannot compensate for the loss of their child, we would like to extend to the parents a small token of solace and comfort by honoring their child for their efforts while in school.

This School Board would like to offer the parents the opportunity to commemorate their child's success by participating in their child's commencement ceremony by walking with the graduates and receive their child's posthumous diploma.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to create an official procedure by which the parents or guardians of deceased M-DCPS students can participate in the commencement ceremony of their child's school and receive a posthumous diploma on behalf of their child.