

**MEMORANDUM**

**August 3, 2016**

**TO:** The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

**FROM:** Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

**SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF AGENDA ITEM D-68 OF AUGUST 10, 2016 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

Please be advised that Agenda item, D-68, Request Authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a Contractual Agreement with Catapult Learning LLC, to open Catapult Academy as an Alternative option for Drop-Out Prevention, is being withdrawn from the August 10, 2016 School Board Meeting Agenda for further consideration.

If you require additional information, please contact Mrs. Valtena Brown, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Operating Officer, at 305-995-2938.

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Attachment

cc: School Board Attorney

Valtena G. Brown, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Operating Officer  
School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH CATAPULT LEARNING, LLC TO OPEN CATAPULT ACADEMY AS AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION OPTION FOR DROPOUT PREVENTION AND RECOVERY OF STUDENTS AGES 16-22, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 90 PERCENT OF FTE/FEFP FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 11, 2016, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT**

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Catapult Learning, LLC seeks to provide educational services for students ages 16-22 in an alternative education setting designed specifically for dropout prevention and recovery. The school is designed to provide a flexible education option for students at-risk of dropping out of school or re-engaging students who have already dropped out of school to empower them to earn a traditional high school diploma.

Catapult Academy will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the school, providing facilities, staff, and students. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will provide data related to recently dropped out students as well as to facilitate the relationships between Catapult Academy and schools to ensure that every student finds the best possible placement to earn their high school diploma.

Funding for this school will come from the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) generated from the Florida Education Finance Program for eligible students in each survey period. Catapult Academy will receive 90 percent of the funding; the remaining 10 percent will be retained by the District.

There are no district funds required to operate his program.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Catapult Learning, LLC to open Catapult Academy as an alternative education option for dropout prevention and recovery of students ages 16-22, in an amount not to exceed 90 percent of received FTE/FEFP for eligible students, effective August 11, 2016, through June 30, 2019.

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**(Withdrawn-08/03/16)**