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SUBJECT: RETAKE OPPORTUNITIES TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO EARN SCHOLARS DESIGNATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

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Admission into Florida's public universities is a competitive process. Prospective students should complete a rigorous curriculum in high school. In addition to earning a standard high school diploma, Florida high school students have the option to work toward the Scholars academic designation, which requires that they pass the following:

1. an Advanced Placement course;
2. two foreign language courses;
3. a high-level math course, and
4. state-issued, end-of-course exams (EOC) in Algebra 1, Biology and U.S. History, among other requirements.

Unfortunately, many students that do not pass the EOCs on their first attempt are unaware of "retake" opportunities that will help them obtain the Scholars designation.

It is in the best interest of our students that they be aware of all opportunities that will afford them the best chances of being admitted to colleges and universities.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTA PÉREZ WURTZ: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to develop a campaign to encourage students to avail themselves of the retake opportunities for the State EOCs (Algebra 1, Biology, and U.S. History) so that they might earn a Scholar's Designation.