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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO WAIVE AND SUSPEND PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 5830, *STUDENT FUNDRAISING* IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR FUNDRAISING AND/OR OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF RELIEF EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE MATTHEW

As Hurricane Matthew moves into the Atlantic Ocean, it leaves behind a trail of destruction in the Caribbean. Just after 8 a.m. yesterday, Matthew made landfall along the southwest coast of Haiti as a Category 4 storm. Initial reports from Haiti indicate that the loss of life and damage to property is catastrophic.

Many of our students, employees and members of our community have strong ties to Haiti and other Caribbean nations impacted by Matthew, consequently, there is a strong desire to participate in the relief efforts. Since various humanitarian organizations will be coordinating such efforts it is appropriate to vary from School Board Policy and allow schools and work locations to post information and/or collect funds or supplies in support of these relief organizations. In authorizing the fundraising activity set forth herein, the School Board waives any prohibition set forth in Board Policies, including limitation on fundraising and solicitation of donations set forth in School Board Policy 5830, *Student Fundraising*.

Information regarding the District's relief efforts will be posted on our website and communicated via news/social media as details are formulated. Additionally, if needed, counseling services will be facilitated for students and staff with family members in the affected countries.

It is important for students to learn and understand that service extends beyond their local communities to other countries and regions. Participation in this relief effort will teach students the importance of global citizenship and agency-to-agency collaboration in providing support and assistance to those in need worldwide. As such, schools and work locations across the District are encouraged to hold emergency relief drives, raise funds and/or collect non-perishable food items.

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This item does not appear in the published Agenda. There is good cause to vary from the Agenda because the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew occurred after the publication of the Agenda, and the need to begin a relief effort cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Waive and suspend prohibitions outline in School Board School Board Policy 5830, Student Fundraising in order to allow for fundraising and/or other charitable activities in support of relief efforts in response to Hurricane Matthew.