

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: STUDENT ATTIRE AND PERFORMANCES

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES & STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

This item seeks to authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings to standardize policies and procedures that govern attire worn by students who perform during school-sponsored events. Although District policies, procedures and protocols should continue to encourage and promote free artistic expression among students, such expression should be age appropriate and conducive to the learning and teaching process.

This item also seeks to reaffirm support of administrative staff and teachers in taking all the necessary steps to enforce and implement all Board policies and procedures pertaining to the maintenance of appropriate student attire. As such, relevant School Board Policies, such as Policies 5722, School-Sponsored Student Publications, Productions, and Performances, 5880, Public Performances by Students, 5511, Dress Code and School Uniforms, and/or 5500, Code of Student Conduct should be amended to require a more rigorous and legally suitable set of standards for attire worn by students during school-sponsored events and performances.

This is to ensure that the standards for students' attire continue to encourage free expression in a manner that is age appropriate and is reflective of the school district and its core values.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County Florida, request the Superintendent to:

1. Initiate rulemaking proceedings concerning relevant School Board Policies to reference standards and procedures by which students and advisors must adhere to for appropriate student attire to be worn during school-sponsored performances,
2. Provide the recommendations for Policy and/or Procedure revisions for Board approval by the December 6, 2017 board meeting, and
3. Communicate revised set of standards to District personnel to ensure compliance and disseminate the new standards through appropriate and cost-effective means to community stakeholders.