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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CERTIFY THE 2017-2018 CLASS SIZE COMPLIANCE PLAN

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

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In accordance with the Class Size Reduction Amendment to the Florida Constitution s. 1002.31, F.S., Controlled Open Enrollment; and amended s. 1002.31, F.S., Public School Parental Choice, Miami-Dade County Public Schools traditional, schools/program of choice and Magnet schools met compliance with the average number of students at the school level.

In compliance with state law, a plan must be certified by the School Board and submitted to the Commissioner of Education by February 1, 2017, that describes the specific actions to be taken to fully comply with class size reduction requirements by October 2017, the next school year.

In addition to the strategies implemented in the past five years, detailed below is the Class Size Compliance Plan that contains actions that will be implemented during the 2017-2018 school year for those schools and/or programs not in compliance:

- Schools will participate in Master Schedule conferences for the purpose of identifying possible data input errors, alternative scheduling options and/or increasing teacher instructional periods;
- A list of class size strategies to consider for implementation will be provided by the district, such as, increasing teacher instructional periods, modifying their schedule; cap course offerings, utilizing blended learning, identify under-enrolled electives, accommodate students' alternate requests prior to finalizing secondary schools' master schedules; and combination classes;
- Utilize part-time certified, highly qualified staff (i.e. retirees or adjunct professors) to teach singleton classes;

- Principals will complete and submit a school CSR Compliance Plan to the region office;
- Implement a process that ensures all schools are reported as traditional or choice;
- District staff will provide a report to Regions that monitor the implementation of class size strategies throughout the budget process, start of school, and throughout the school year.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, certify the 2017-2018 Class Size Compliance Plan.

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