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**SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENTERING MILITARY SERVICE**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

According to the U.S Department of Defense, currently less than 1 percent of the American population will serve in the U.S. Armed Services after graduation.

Approximately 400 students from Miami-Dade County Public Schools enlist in the 5 service academies. These academies are the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Coast Guard Academy, the United State Air Force Academy and the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Students who choose to seek to serve their country demonstrate high standards of leadership, self-discipline, honor and integrity. Choosing to serve your country is a high honor and is to be commended. To honor this commitment and acknowledge their sacrifice, these students should be recognized during high school graduation ceremonies.

Graduation procedures and guidelines are established by the Office of School Operations. High Schools maintain individualized graduation ceremonies while following guidelines and procedures established by School Operations.

In keeping with the vision of Miami-Dade County Public Schools of providing the highest quality education so that all of our students are empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives as lifelong learners and responsible citizens, this item directs the superintendent to initiate a uniform procedure to recognize, in a manner consistent across all high schools, graduating seniors who have enlisted in the military.

This item has been voluntarily submitted for review to the School Board Attorney and has been approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY MS. LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to initiate a uniform procedure to recognize, in a manner consistent across all high schools, graduating seniors who have enlisted in the military.