

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL SITE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND SUPPORT

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is committed to the provision and use of technology to improve teaching and learning, and support the overall efficiency and effectiveness of school and district operations. For years, this commitment has been reflected in significant financial, human, and technology resource allocations that ensure that M-DCPS remains on the cutting edge of the ever-changing landscape of technology innovation.

The District has and continues to make such investments in technology to improve teaching, learning, and district operations, and in fact, has invested over \$85 million in technology through the General Obligation Bond (GOB). These, as well as other technology related expenditures, further evidence the District's commitment to the provision and use of technology resources, specifically in its schools.

Despite such investments, both research and practice demonstrate that the purchase and provision of technology alone prove insufficient in its successful and sustainable implementation. In order to ensure the effective adoption and use of technology, specifically in those areas that augment and support teaching and learning, an adequate and appropriate system of service and support must be provided.

With the increased use and reliance on technology to support assessment, differentiated instruction, intervention, progress monitoring, and annual computer-based testing, it is increasingly important to ensure that all schools are provided adequate levels of service and support that are delivered by highly qualified and dedicated personnel.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida directs the Superintendent to:

1. review the current processes, procedures, and personnel structures that provide technology service and support to schools; and
2. provide an update on technology, service and support provided to schools, to the Board no later than February 21, 2018.