

Financial Services
Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIPS WITH MUNICIPALITIES TO SUPPORT SCHOOL SAFETY

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

Per Agenda Item H-1 from the March Board Meeting and Agenda Item H-10 from the June Board Meeting, the School Board authorized the Superintendent to work with municipalities to ensure that the requirements of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act (MSDHSPSA), SB 7026 are met.

This item seeks that the Board authorize the Superintendent to distribute funding to municipalities and/or law enforcement agencies across Miami-Dade County who have agreed to partner with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and have signed or will sign a Memorandum of Understanding in support of increased safety in and around our schools through the deployment of police officers needed to meet our State mandated requirements as per MSDHSPSA. These municipalities and/or law enforcement agencies must provide assurances that the funds they receive will be used to meet the requirements per MSDHSPSA and for no other purpose.

As part of the Safe Schools allocation in the FY 2018-19 Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), M-DCPS was allocated \$10M in new funds for the hiring or contracting of School Resource Officers. Charter schools will receive their portion, which is estimated at approximately \$2M. M-DCPS has budgeted \$2M for resource officers expected to be hired this year since much of the hiring will take place after the year has begun due to time constraints. The remaining balance of \$6M will be allocated to municipalities based on the percentage of elementary and K-8 schools in the area that their law enforcement officers serve, with no one municipality receiving more than one-third of the available funds. This distribution to municipalities is for FY 2018-19 only and will be prorated to remaining days of school once the academic year has begun. }

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the allocation of \$6M in available funding in FY 2018-19 per the method laid out in this item to municipalities and/or law enforcement agencies across Miami-Dade County who have signed or will sign a Memorandum of Understanding to provide officers to our schools and will provide assurances that funding will be used to meet State mandated requirements. }

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