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**SUBJECT: CODIFICATION OF ACTIVE SHOOTER LOCKDOWN PROTOCOLS**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

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

On March 20, 2018, in response to the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas Senior High in Broward County, Board approved Revised Agenda Item H-9 (Lockdown Drills) authorizing the Superintendent to review and update lockdown protocols for an active shooter scenario and to communicate to parents and community stakeholders that updated protocols have been implemented. A similar item, Agenda Item H-12, (Safety and Security), sponsored by School Board Member Rojas was previously approved by the Board on February 21, 2018. On May 24, 2018, the Superintendent transmitted a Memorandum to the School Board outlining staff follow-up to Agenda Item H-9, Lockdown Drills.

Section 1006.07(4), F.S., requires the Board to formulate and prescribe policies and procedures, in consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, for emergency drills and for actual emergencies, including, but not limited to, fires, natural disasters, active shooter and hostage situations, and bomb threats, for all students and faculty at all public schools of the District comprised of grades K-12.

Revised Agenda Item H-9 summarized the concern that students and teachers may not receive enough training related to emergency/active shooter scenarios. The intent of this item is to update and codify emergency/active shooter protocols by requiring steps similar to Board action taken on Agenda Item H-1 on October 5, 2017, related to emergency management procedures for coordinated and efficient responses to natural disasters. Special consideration is also appropriate for many students with varying exceptionalities and medical needs, as well as younger-aged students, who may have additional challenges with the awareness and understanding necessary to ensure that the emergency/active shooter drills run as smoothly as possible.

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Miami-Dade County Public Schools remains committed to improvement in all aspects of its functions and is committed to proactive actions that provide additional security to school campuses while reducing community fears and stress.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings no later than the May 8, 2019 Board meeting, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, to promulgate a policy for the establishment of uniform lockdown protocols for active shooter and hostage scenarios in accordance with Florida Statute 1006.07(4), including but not limited to:

1. providing that drills for active shooter and hostage situations shall be conducted at least as often as other emergency drills in accordance with 1006.07(4), F.S., such as fire drills; and
2. conducting an annual review of the M-DCPS Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for necessary updates; and
3. ensuring the establishment of protocols that include standardized and updated training for an active shooter or hostage scenario for all personnel, including, but not limited to new hires, substitute teachers, and staff; and
4. ensuring that the training for active shooter and hostage scenarios is developmentally appropriate and adapted for students with varying exceptionalities, medical needs and younger-aged students, no later than the date of the first drill conducted for the 2019-2020 school year.

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