

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: INCREASING TRANSPARENCY BY EXPANDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO OFFICIAL BOARD MEETINGS**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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

Currently only the School Board's regular monthly meetings are broadcast via radio and television. These broadcasts permit those members of the public who cannot physically attend our meetings to have meaningful access to the deliberations of their School Board. At our January 16, 2019 meeting, the Board approved Agenda Item H-13, presented by Dr. Steve Gallon III, which among other things, directed the Superintendent to research the technological expansion of the public's access to School Board meetings online.

In an effort to broaden the scope, but to also specify a means of expanding the online presence of School Board meetings, this item seeks the Board's consideration to request that the Superintendent explore the feasibility of live streaming all public School Board meetings (regular, special, and emergency), as well as all School Board Committee meetings as identified in Board Policy 0155 and all School Board workshops held pursuant to Policy 0165(G). Live streaming generally allows any event or meeting to be simultaneously recorded and broadcast in real time to the viewer. The live streaming may be conducted over the school district's online web portal or through any other feasible and legally available online technological sources or platforms. This request would not apply to any and all exempt non-public meetings of the Board (for example, Executive Sessions and Attorney-Client Sessions).

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request that the Superintendent explore the feasibility of live streaming all non-exempt official meetings of the School Board along with all School Board Committee meetings and Workshops and report back to the Board by the April 17, 2019 Board meeting.

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