

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO REVIEW THE CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FATHERS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR FUTURE EXPANSION AND THE POSSIBILITY OF INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROGRAM IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

The Fatherhood Task Force of South Florida, whose mission is to increase the participation and connection of fathers in the lives of children, has stressed that by increasing male participation in the educational activities of their children in schools, they will do much better educationally and socially. A number of initiatives have been instituted to improve educational opportunities for children from Pre-K through high school by promoting fathers' involvement in education both in school and in the home.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, with the full support of the School Board and the Superintendent of Schools, has become the frontrunner county in Florida to partner with the Fatherhood Task Force effectively organizing Fathers in Education Day and Fathers in Action & Advocacy Week from 2014-2018. The Children's Trust has also been a dependable major support of this work. Participating fathers have reported that they have seen how important their role is as supporters of education and how enthusiastic and motivated their children are when they take a special interest in their school work.

This agenda item authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to review the current implementation of the Fathers in Education Program to determine the need for future expansion and the possibility of institutionalizing the program in Miami-Dade county Public Schools.

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

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools to review the current implementation of the Fathers in Education Program to determine the need for future expansion, if feasible, and the possibility of institutionalizing the program in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and report back to the School Board by June 7, 2019.