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SUBJECT: SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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Miami-Dade County Public Schools is committed to the safety of our students, both inside and outside of the classroom. The Board annually approves items endorsing the Federal Safe Routes to School, WalkSafe and BikeSafe programs, encouraging our students to be physically active on the way to school, which are proposed by Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman. As such, our Board has clearly indicated that its commitment to student safety includes those times where students are walking or biking to school.

School crossing guards are placed in areas where conditions require assistance for children to safely cross the street. It is the goal of the crossing guard to ensure that children are behaving safely near traffic, that motorists are aware of pedestrians crossing, and to observe and report any incidents or conditions that present a potential safety hazard to school children.

The assignments and recommendations of school crossing guards are ultimately a decision of the county or municipal crossing guard program serving the individual school. School crossing guards are currently employed by municipalities or the county depending on where your school is located. However, the procedures by which to request a school crossing guard are unclear and vary with each municipality.

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This item seeks a review of current school crossing guard assignments to ensure all schools are appropriately staffed. Moreover, it also calls for a review of the procedures in place related to the request for school crossing guards.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

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

- 1) Review current school crossing guard assignments;
- 2) Review procedures related to the request for school crossing guards; and
- 3) Provide any findings and recommendations to ensure all schools are appropriately staffed to the Board by the May 8, 2019 Board meeting; and
- 4) Collaborate with the county and municipalities to address findings and recommendations by the commencement of the 2019-2020 school year.

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