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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY: FINAL READING
5120, STUDENT SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT AND ATTENDANCE
BOUNDARY COMMITTEE**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, announced on April 17, 2019, its intention to amend Board Policy 5120, *Student School Assignment and Attendance Boundary Committee*, at its meeting of June 19, 2019.

The Attendance Boundary Committee is recommending the following:

- Barbara Goleman Senior High School will no longer have established boundaries as it is converting into a District-wide magnet school.
- Establish new boundaries for American Senior High School, Hialeah Gardens Senior High School and Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School during the 2019-2020 school year.
- Establish new boundaries for John I. Smith K-8 Center during the 2019-2020 school year.
- Establish a temporary boundary for Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.
- Combine the boundaries of Miami Park Elementary School and Henry E.S. Reeves Elementary School during the 2019-2020 school year.
- Establish new boundaries for Miami Park Elementary School and Henry E.S. Reeves Elementary School during the 2019-2020 school year.
- All Pre-K and kindergarten students residing in the new boundaries will attend the Lower Primary Academy at Miami Park Elementary School. In the 2020-2021 school year grade 1 will be added, in the 2021-2022 school year grade 2 will be added.
- All first through eighth grade students residing in the new boundaries will attend the Upper Academy at Henry E.S. Reeves Elementary School. In the 2020-2021 school year grade 7 will be added, in the 2021-2022 school year grade 8 will be added.

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The Notice of Intended Action was published in the *Miami Daily Business Review* on April 19, 2019, posted in various places for public information and mailed to various organizations representing persons affected by the amended policy and to individuals requesting notification.

The time to request a hearing or protest the adoption of this policy has elapsed.

In accordance with provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, this amended policy is presented to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for adoption and authorization to file the policy in the official records of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Attached is the Notice of Intended Action and the policy proposed for amendment. Changes from the current policy are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

Copies of the documents, *Attendance Zone Recommendations and Related Administrative Actions 2019-2020*, and *Attendance Zones Previously Approved by the Board 2018-2019*, will be forwarded to the School Board members under separate cover and will be on file in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 102, at the School Board Administration Building, 1450 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Additionally, these documents are available online at:

- [Attendance Zone Recommendations and Related Administrative Actions 2019-2020](#)
- [Attendance Zones Previously Approved by the Board 2018-2019 Final Reading April 17, 2019](#)

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt amended School Board Policy 5120, *Student School Assignment and Attendance Boundary Committee* and the document, *Attendance Zone Recommendations and Related Administrative Actions 2019-2020*, which is incorporated by reference and is part of this policy, and authorize the Superintendent to file the policy with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be effective July 1, 2019.

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1 Staff in School Operations, Office of School Facilities, Information Technology
2 Services, Department of Transportation, Research Services, Office of Diversity
3 Compliance, and Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration and
4 Community Engagement, will assist the Superintendent in providing data, analyze
5 proposed attendance areas, and prepare recommendations for submission to the
6 School Board.

7 The Board-approved school attendance zones for the current school year are
8 contained in the following documents:

9 A. Attendance Zones Previously Approved by the Board - ~~2017-~~
10 2018-2019;

11 B. Attendance Zone Recommendations and Related Administrative
12 Actions - ~~2018-2019~~2019-2020.

13 Copies of these documents are incorporated by reference in this policy and are on
14 file in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and in the Citizen Information Center.

15 No assignment to schools or attendance schedules shall discriminate against
16 students on the basis of gender, race, religion, disability, national origin, sex, color,
17 ethnic or national origin, marital status, genetic information, age, political beliefs,
18 sexual orientation, gender identification, social and family background, linguistic
19 preference, medical reason, pregnancy, childbirth, medical condition to pregnancy,
20 handicap, handicap against a student or employee, and any other legally prohibited
21 basis.

22 The parent of siblings who are assigned to the same grade level and school may
23 request that the school place the siblings in the same classroom or in separate
24 classrooms. This request must be made no later than five (5) days before the first
25 day of school each school year or five (5) days after the first day of attendance of the
26 students if the students are enrolled in school after the school year commences.
27 The school is not required to meet the request if there is factual evidence indicating
28 a specific placement is better for the student than that requested by the parent.

29 The Superintendent may assign a student to a school other than that designated by
30 the attendance area when such exception is justified by circumstances and is in the
31 best interest of the student.

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1 Whenever school boundaries are revised, every effort shall be made to continue a
2 student in the elementary school to which s/he was initially assigned.

3 Wherever possible and advisable in the interests of students in non-magnet schools
4 and programs, siblings shall be assigned to the same school. Assignment of siblings
5 of students to magnet schools and programs is governed by Policy 2370.

6 The Superintendent shall assign incoming transfer students to schools, grades, and
7 classes that provide each student the greatest likelihood of realizing their fullest
8 educational potential.

9 The principal shall assign students in his/her school to appropriate grades, classes,
10 or groups. This action shall be based on consideration of the needs of the student
11 as well as the administration of the school.

12 **Request for Student Transfers**

13 A student may be permitted to attend a school other than the school serving the
14 parents' residential area as stipulated in Policy 5131.

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1 **Nonresident Students**

2 Students who are not residents of Miami-Dade County may attend District schools
3 as stipulated in Policy 5131.

4 F.S. 1000.05
5 F.S. 1001.41
6 F.S. 1001.49
7 F.S. 1002.20
8 F.S. 1002.31
9 F.S. 1003.02
10 F.S. 1003.06
11 F.S. 1003.21

12 Revised 6/15/11
13 Revised 7/18/12
14 Revised 4/17/13
15 Revised 6/18/14
16 Revised 6/17/15
17 Revised 6/22/16
18 Revised 5/24/17
19 Revised 6/20/18

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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on April 17, 2019, its intention to amend Board Policy 5120, *Student School Assignment and Attendance Boundary Committee*, at its meeting of June 19, 2019.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To establish attendance zones for elementary and secondary schools for the 2019-2020 school year which are in the best interest of students and better utilize existing student stations.

SUMMARY: Board approval of this policy would support previously approved attendance boundary zones and subsequently establishes all Board-approved attendance zones as a Board policy.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: 1001.41(1) (2); 1001.42(10); F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC: 1000.05; 1001.42(10); 1001.49(3); 1003.06, F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING of June 19, 2019, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Administration Building, School Board Auditorium, 1450 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by May 20, 2019, to the Superintendent of Schools, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED POLICY is available at cost to the public for inspection and copying in the Citizen Information Center, Room 102, 1450 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.