

Office of School Board Attorney
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SUBJECT: INITIAL READING: AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICIES 8405, SCHOOL SAFETY; 5112, ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS; 8330, STUDENT RECORDS; AND 0166, NON-PUBLIC MEETINGS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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After the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County in 2017, the Florida Legislature and State Board of Education passed various new statutes, amendments to statutes, rules and forms, to address school safety and security, threat assessment and mental health concerns at schools. This item seeks authorization for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act to amend Board Policies 8405, *School Safety*, 5112, *Entrance Requirements*, and 8330, *Student Records*, to incorporate these statutory requirements from the earlier SB 7026 and from SB 7030 which just recently became law and amended statutory provisions passed in SB 7026 and added additional requirements. Many of the SB 7030 amendments were the result of recommendations made by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission.

The proposed policy revisions include School Board safe-school officer requirements at District and charter schools; establishment, duties and responsibilities, and recommendations of the District School Safety Specialist; the requirement for the Board and each charter school to adopt an active assailant response plan and accompanying certifications that all personnel have received annual training; authority for the Superintendent to develop administrative procedures for the prevention of violence on school grounds; threat assessment teams; the responsibility to ensure timely and accurate reporting of incidents related to school safety and discipline; student crime watch requirements; timely transfers of student cumulative files and mental health information, and required mental health disclosures upon school registration. All of these policies have been reviewed and are recommended by the Superintendent and the District Cabinet members and staff who will be responsible for implementing them.

In addition, Policy 0166, *Non-Public Meetings*, is proposed to be amended to specifically add fire safety to the issues the Board may meet privately to discuss under confidential security and fire safety meetings and to provide authority for a confidential security and fire safety meeting to be convened by the Superintendent or the Board Chair.

Attached are the Notice of Intended Action and policy amendments. Changes are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

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WITHDRAWN (6/14/2019)

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend Board Policies 8405, *School Safety*, 5112, *Entrance Requirements*, 8330, *Student Records*, and 0166, *Non-Public Meetings*.


RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend Board Policies 8405, *School Safety*, 5112, *Entrance Requirements*, 8330, *Student Records*, and 0166, *Non-Public Meetings*.

MEMORANDUM

June 14, 2019

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of School 

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Agenda Item G-2, Amendment of Board Policies 8405, School Safety; 5112, Entrance Requirements; 8330, Student Records; and 0166, Non-Public Meetings Board Item, is being withdrawn for further evaluation.

If you require additional information, please contact Mr. Walter J. Harvey, School Board Attorney, at 305-995-1304.

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Attachment

cc: School Board Attorney
Superintendent Cabinet