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School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF M-DCPS MENTAL
HEALTH ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION PLAN**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has long prioritized the well-being of the whole child and, as such, has focused on identifying students who may need specific interventions to ensure successful educational outcomes. Through the Mental Health Assistance Allocation (MHAA) which was established through the passing of Senate Bill 7026, M-DCPS established the Department of Mental Health Services in July 2018 to further enhance the comprehensive system of support to address the mental health needs of students within the District.

In order to access additional MHAA funds for the 2019-2020 school year which are available through the passing of Senate Bill 7030, passed by the 2019 Florida Legislature, each school district is again required to submit a comprehensive plan to their individual school board for approval and to then submit the plan to the Commissioner of Education by August 1.

To continue to fully implement Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan, the Department of Mental Health Services will continue to be responsible for coordinating District and community resources to deliver evidence-based mental health care and treatment for M-DCPS students. Services will continue to include provisions for mental health assessments, diagnosis, intervention, and recovery services.

Funds received as part of the MHAA will continue to further enhance and support the delivery and coordination of expanded mental health services at the school site, via contracted mental health providers as well as include oversight.

Beginning September 30, 2019, and annually thereafter, each school district shall report on its program outcomes and expenditures to the Commissioner for the previous fiscal year.

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The report will contain comprehensive information including, but not limited to, the number of students who receive screenings or assessments; are referred for services or assistance; receive services or assistance; and the related entities who are providing said services or programs.

The plan in its entirety will be provided under separate cover.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the M-DCPS Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan and its submittal to the Commissioner of Education.