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**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF FLORIDA’S FIRST LADY
 CASEY DESANTIS MULTI-AGENCY MENTAL HEALTH AND
 SUBSTANCE ABUSE INITIATIVE: *HOPE FOR HEALING FLORIDA***

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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Florida’s First Lady Casey DeSantis has proclaimed the establishment of *Hope for Healing Florida*, a new multi-agency mental health and substance abuse campaign. This coordinated effort will integrate the collective resources of the Florida Department of Children and Families, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Florida Department of Education to better serve the needs of Floridians struggling with mental health and substance abuse.

The campaign will also leverage, in part, the resources of private sector partners to produce and distribute the *Mental Health and Substance Abuse Resource Guide* throughout the state at no cost to taxpayers. Guides will consist of information on state partnered programs from crisis intervention to prevention, to on-going care to help support children and families suffering in Florida, and by providing meaningful help in a timely fashion to meet the needs of those struggling.

Hope for Healing Florida is a meaningful initiative about helping children and families in crisis by leveraging the resources of state agencies, private partners, and the administration. This is just one step to help our youth and families prevent drug addiction and address mental health issues so they can reach their full potential and lead healthier lives.

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, endorse Florida’s First Lady Casey DeSantis Multi-Agency Mental Health and Substance Abuse Initiative: *Hope for Healing Florida*.