

Office of the Superintendent  
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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO UTILIZE SCHOOLS AS GENERAL POPULATION, PET FRIENDLY, MEDICAL AND FIRST RESPONDER EVACUATION CENTERS**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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Florida Statute 252.385 (4) (a) Public Shelter Space mandates that public facilities, including schools, shall be made available at the request of the local emergency management agency for use as hurricane evacuation centers. The Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management is the agency responsible for preparing, responding and coordinating information and resources in the event of disasters and potential catastrophic incidents in Miami-Dade County.

The District has an emergency shelter agreement in place and has historically collaborated with Miami-Dade County to meet the statutory requirements, however, the current agreement expires at the end of the 2019 hurricane season. Consequently, authorization is requested to enter into a new contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County to utilize schools as General Population, Medical, Pet Friendly and First Responder evacuation centers. The new agreement reflects new staffing protocols, provision and storage of supplies as well as other modifications implemented since Hurricane Irma.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County to utilize schools as General Population, Medical, Pet Friendly and First Responder Emergency Evacuation Centers.