

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE PROMULGATION, CHANGES, AND/OR AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES FOLLOWING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

The School Board is generally regarded as the principal democratic body capable of representing citizens in local education decisions. The foundations of authority that guide the duties and responsibilities of the School Board include state and federal constitutions, legislative enactments, rules and regulations promulgated by the U. S. Department of Education and the state board of education, and legal clarifications and interpretations by judges, attorneys general, and administrative agencies.

The School Board is a corporate body founded for the purpose of implementing state legislative policy concerning public schools and locally administering the state's system of public education. Florida Statute 1001.41(1) (2) states "The district school board, after considering recommendations submitted by the district school superintendent, shall exercise the following general powers: (1) Determine policies and programs consistent with state law and rule deemed necessary by it for the efficient operation and general improvement of the district school system. (2) Adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of law conferring duties upon it to supplement those prescribed by the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education."

School Board Policy 0171 – *Review of Policy* reads as follow: "The School Board shall periodically complete a comprehensive review of its policies and update them as necessary to comply with existing law and practices. Upon completion of this review, the Superintendent will recommend to the Board any necessary revisions. The Superintendent shall also recommend to the board revisions to current policies or new policies as often as necessary."

The timeliness and accuracy of amending and promulgating policy based on legislative actions is of utmost importance to the School Board. Therefore, this agenda item directs the Superintendent of Schools to review the current process for the promulgation, changes, and/or amendments to School Board policies following the Florida State Legislative session and report to the Board at the Fiscal Accountability & Government Relations Committee on May 13, 2020.

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, direct the Superintendent of Schools to review the current process for the promulgation, changes, and/or amendments to School Board policies following the Florida State Legislative session and report to the Board at the Fiscal Accountability & Government Relations Committee on May 13, 2020.