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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE RENEWAL OF THE GIFTED ADD-ON AND READING ADD-ON ENDORSEMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS AND MATRICES

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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BLUEPRINT: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF

Authorization is requested to submit the renewal of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Gifted Add-on and the Reading Add-on Endorsement Certification Programs and Matrices to the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) and Just Read Florida for approval.

In accordance with specialization requirements for Gifted as stated in 6A-4.01796, FAC, Specialization Requirements for Endorsement in Gifted-Academic Class, the Gifted Add-on Endorsement Certification Program offers a rigorous professional development program which consists of five college-level courses that are equivalent to inservice courses. The program's curriculum includes coursework and associated experiences in the following gifted realms:

Components	Master Plan Points	Titles
1-106-301	60	Nature and Needs of the Gifted
1-106-302	60	Curriculum Development for the Gifted
1-106-303	60	Theory and Development of Creativity in Gifted Students
1-106-304	60	Guidance and Counseling for the Gifted
1-106-305	60	Special Populations of Gifted Students

Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes the need to provide their teachers with adequate tools and strategies in meeting the needs of exceptional education students needing advanced strategies that encompass rigor in the building of higher order and critical skills. M-DCPS gifted program is primarily intended to impact teachers at all academic levels that teach these exceptional education students.

The M-DCPS Reading Add-on Endorsement Program addresses a critical need of improving teachers' knowledge of research-based reading strategies. With the additional legislation from HB 7069, the need for research-based reading practices for all grade-level teachers will broaden the experiences and knowledge in the area of

Reading development. In preparation for the new Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) Reading requirements, the implementation of each of the competencies has been reviewed and updated to include content-relevant strategies and activities to augment teachers' expertise in order to meet the needs of elementary students and to impact overall student achievement results.

The M-DCPS Reading program focuses on topics of study for each of the five competencies and aligns with the rule approved by State Board Rule 6A-4.0292–Specialization Requirements for Certification in Reading (Grades K-12). The components that serve as the framework for integrating Florida's Reading Endorsement competencies and indicators are as follows:

Components	Master Plan Points	Titles
1-013-320	60	Foundations of Reading Instruction
1-013-321	60	Application of Research-Based Instructional Practices
1-013-322	60	Foundations of Assessment
1-013-323	60	Applications of Differentiated Instruction
1-013-324	60	Demonstration of Accomplishment

The current proposed renewal programs encompass modifications to the existing program so that its frameworks are aligned to the updated 2019 Gifted topics and specific objectives identified by FLDOE and the Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources Systems (FDLRS). The Reading endorsement competencies were developed by the Florida Department of Education and involved the specialized expertise of Just Read Florida Standards and Instructional Support. The proposed 2019-2024 Gifted add-on programs and the 2019-2025 Reading add-on programs will ensure the continued successful implementation of the programs' frameworks and requirements.

The current proposed programs will be conducted through face-to-face sessions, online virtual platforms, and blended sessions. Copies of the Gifted and Reading components will be on file in the Office of the School Board Recording Secretary, Room 924.

- [Gifted Endorsement Add-on Certification Program](#)
- [Reading Endorsement Add-on Certification Program](#)

There is no additional cost to the District associated with this item.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to submit the renewal of the Gifted Add-on and Reading Add-on Endorsement Certification and Matrices to the Florida Department of Education.