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**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ENCOURAGE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO UTILIZE THE
DISTRICT’S COMMUNICATION RESOURCES TO RAISE
COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF FLORIDA’S BACK-TO-SCHOOL
SALES TAX HOLIDAY**

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

For a number of years, the Florida Legislature has authorized a sales tax-free weekend for basic school supplies in advance of the opening of a new school year. Undoubtedly, this provides parents an opportunity to save money while preparing their children for a successful school year.

The exempt items have typically included clothing and basic supplies such as pencils, pens, notebooks, erasers and other school materials. The Legislature has also expanded sales tax exemptions for a number of the technological learning tools that students find useful in today’s digital learning environment.

Every opportunity for families to be able to save money is welcomed and should be communicated so that as many people as possible may benefit. As such, it is in the best interest of the students and parents we serve to utilize the District’s communication resources to ensure that Miami-Dade County citizens are aware of this year’s Back-to-School sales tax holiday taking place from **August 7, 2020 through August 9, 2020**.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney’s Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**Revised
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**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, encourage the Superintendent to utilize the District's communication resources to raise community awareness of Florida's Back-to-School sales tax holiday taking place from **August 7, 2020 through August 9, 2020.**