

Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: TENTATIVE SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN FOR 2020/2021 IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

As we prepare to reopen schools for the 2020/2021 school year during a period when we are still experiencing the effects of the global pandemic associated with the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we must recognize that the school experience will continue to be different. Our primary concern is the delivery of world class educational offerings in the safest, most effective manner possible. In response, we have developed a comprehensive schools reopening plan.

Our work has been driven by four guiding principles including ensuring the safety and wellness of students and staff; delivering high-quality instruction to students; providing parents flexibility and choice; and optimizing the use of limited resources. These principles coupled with the guidance, expertise, and recommendations gleaned from School Board Members, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Reopening Working Group, parents, teachers, students, and other stakeholders, has yielded the 2020/2021 School Reopening Plan (SRP) submitted for the School Board's acceptance. This plan includes a daily schoolhouse attendance model, hybrid schoolhouse/e-learning models, and an online-only instructional model. The plan also addresses a number of other operational, health, and safety protocols including social distancing, the wearing of personal protective equipment, and contact tracing.

This SRP assumes we will be reopening schools in Phase 2 of *The Plan for Florida's Recovery*. It must be understood that this plan is built to ensure that we will be able to rapidly pivot if necessary in response to a retreat to Phase I, or to a broader reopening under a transition to Phase 3.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, accept the 2020/2021 School Reopening Plan including all identified instructional models and authorize the Superintendent to make modifications as may be necessary in response to CDC guidelines, state or local requirements, or other circumstances associated with health and safety related to COVID-19, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of students and employees.

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