

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

**SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)
PREPAREDNESS FOR HURRICANE SEASON DURING THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT**

As Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) continues to take all necessary precautions to keep students, parents, and the workforce safe from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, it is also of utmost importance to be fully prepared for this very active hurricane season. While many preparation tools may already be available, certain actions may have to be enhanced and look different while COVID-19 remains a concern in our community.

It is important to continue discussions with state and local officials about efficient preparedness guidelines and evacuation shelters for this hurricane season. New procedures may be in place and schools will be affected before, during, and after the impact of a tropical storm and/or a hurricane. Furthermore, school-site administrators must be fully aware of any updated procedures and evacuation shelter guidelines and have complete and necessary understanding of the latest COVID-19 guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Therefore, this agenda item seeks to direct the Superintendent of Schools to review and update applicable M-DCPS hurricane preparedness guidelines and include the necessary health and safety steps and appropriate training that must be taken during the COVID-19 pandemic, and report back to the Board by September 9, 2020.

This agenda 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 and update applicable M-DCPS hurricane preparedness guidelines and include the necessary health and safety steps and appropriate training that must be taken during the COVID-19 pandemic, and report back to the Board by September 9, 2020.