

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: SANITATION PROTOCOLS, PRACTICES AND POLICY

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

As districts across the nation contend with the opening of schools amidst a surge in COVID-19 cases, a top priority remains the maintenance of clean and safe learning environments for students and staff upon their physical return. Our stakeholders have grown accustomed to well-known, locally mandated measures to slow the spread of the disease, such as social distancing and face coverings, which the District has indicated will be in place at school sites upon their opening. However, less known to our faculty, staff, parents and students are the efforts and actions initiated by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Plant Operations, which has been engaged in the monumental task of reviewing and outlining updated Covid-19 protocols, training custodial personnel, and preparing principals and administrators for their duties and responsibilities in the era of this pandemic. M-DCPS Plant Operations has exhibited leadership through their proactive stance and immediate response to the challenges presented by COVID-19.

In the interest of the Board's edification and for the benefit of the public's knowledge, this item would request a presentation of these updated COVID-19 related sanitation protocols, related personnel responsibilities, and custodial handbooks to the Board at the Personnel, Student, School & Community Support Committee meeting of September 2, 2020. It is the intent of this item to provide the Board with an opportunity to receive information and ask questions, therefore gaining the ability to serve as a conduit of information to and allay the fears of concerned constituents.

This item also seeks to authorize the Superintendent to review School Board Policy 7420 - *SANITATION AND HOUSEKEEPING* considering current conditions related to COVID-19 and report to the Board any recommendations or findings relevant to policy updates or modification, should it be necessary, by the September 9, 2020 Board meeting.

Unquestionably, during this pandemic parents and stakeholders are as interested in the safety and cleanliness of the learning environment as they are in the instruction students will receive upon their return to the schoolhouse. The opportunity to provide a forum for the Board to learn about the District's sanitation-related response to this health crisis will prove to be a benefit for all stakeholders and further the legacy of transparency and responsiveness that M-DCPS is known for.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

- 1) provide a presentation related to the specialized sanitation and custodial protocols, procedures, trainings and measures initiated in response to COVID-19 for the 2020-21 School Year to the School Board during the Personnel, Student, School & Community Support Committee meeting of September 2, 2020; and
- 2) review School Board Policy 7420 - *Sanitation and Housekeeping* considering current conditions related to COVID-19 and bring back recommendations, if necessary, to the Board by the September 9, 2020 School Board meeting.