

Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN FOR 2020/2021 UNDER PHASE 2 COMMUNITY CONDITIONS INCLUDING THE LAUNCH OF THE SCHOOLHOUSE MODEL

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

On July 1, 2020, the School Board approved the 2020/2021 School Reopening Plan (SRP). The SRP assumed we would be reopening schools in Phase 2 of *The Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Unfortunately, South Florida remained in Phase 1 far longer than the rest of the state, and as such M-DCPS students have been engaged in remote learning since August 31st. On Friday, September 11, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that effective Monday, September 14, 2020, Miami-Dade would be moving to Phase 2.

M-DCPS has been closely monitoring a number of COVID-19 metrics that have been identified as important gating criteria to be taken into consideration for a return to face-to-face schooling. On Thursday, September 17, 2020, the Ad Hoc Public Health and Medical Experts group met and reviewed community conditions, gating criteria, and schoolhouse protocols and sanitization procedures. Based on their expertise and information presented, the group reached consensus that conditions are sufficient to initiate a return to the schoolhouse.

As always, this administration is approaching the implementation of the SRP consistent with the declared five guiding principles for reopening schools including: 1. ensure the safety and wellness of students and staff; 2. deliver high-quality instruction to students, regardless of delivery model; 3. provide parents flexibility and choice in instructional delivery models; 4. optimize use of resources; and 5. communicate with all stakeholders clearly and effectively.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent's implementation of the School Reopening Plan for 2020/2021 under Phase 2 community conditions including the recommended phased launch of the Schoolhouse model based on parental choice.