

Dr. Marta Pérez, School Board Member

**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
JOIN IN RECOGNIZING VERIZON AND THE INNOVATIVE
LEARNING PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DIGITAL
PROMISE**

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

Verizon has been working to help foster digital inclusion through a transformative education program called Verizon Innovative Learning. Taking responsibility for our shared future means ensuring the benefits of technology are available to all. Right now, millions of students here in the U.S. are lacking the connectivity, technology and skills required for success in today's digital economy. That's why All children should have access to technology and quality STEM education. Verizon Innovative Learning turns belief into action.

Verizon is expanding their commitment to education through growing their online resource platform, making learning tools available to all educators and students, a key driver in their quest to reach 10 million youth by 2030. Verizon is also bringing 5G technology to schools through their innovative learning labs where students and teachers are at the forefront of cutting-edge technology with a goal to deploy in 100 schools by the end of 2021. Things like virtual and augmented reality, 3D printing, and more immersive collaboration can turn lesson plans into living, breathing, dynamic experiences.

Since 2012, the Verizon Innovative Learning program has provided over \$535M in market value towards STEM education helping under-resourced communities bridge the digital divide. Technology. Education. Opportunity.

Last month, Verizon provided more than 3,600 apple iPads to every middle school student at West Miami Middle, Cutler Bay Middle, Carol City Middle, and Shenandoah Middle with support from their innovative learning program and in partnership with Digital Promise. M-DCPS and Verizon are working together to eradicate digital deserts in our community by giving students devices and access to help students develop the tools and confidence they need to become tomorrow's innovators.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, join in recognizing Verizon and the innovative learning program in partnership with digital promise for their generous donation, commitment, and continued support to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.