

Dr. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND VENDOR DONATIONS

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION

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At the School Board meeting of September 9, 2020, the Board voted to terminate the use of the My School Online remote or distance learning platform provided by K12 Florida LLC. At this meeting and in subsequent Board meetings, the issue of a \$1.57 million donation from K-12 to the Board's direct support organization, Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc. was discussed, and many concerns were raised regarding the timing of the donation. The donation to the Foundation was intended to be distributed as a \$100 gift to teachers employed by the District.

A major point of concern is whether the District should accept donations from vendors with whom the Board has a pending contractual relationship, as such donations may give the appearance of impropriety. Presently our Board policies do not specifically address such donations by vendors.

In order to provide clarity and to avoid any future issues with donations to the District, this item is presented for the Board to consider establishing a policy that would prohibit the acceptance of any donation that is being given by a vendor who has a pending contract for goods or services with the Board.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend applicable School Board polices to clarify that the District may not accept donations from vendors with whom there is a pending contractual relationship.

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(Withdrawn – 10/14/20)**