

Dr. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS TO MITIGATE
NEGATIVE IMPACT ON STUDENT LEARNING CAUSED BY THE
PANDEMIC**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION

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

School Board Policy 2440, *Summer School*, provides, in pertinent part that: “The School Board may conduct a summer program of academic instruction for students in grades K-12 and Special Education (SPED) students needing extended school year services as identified in their Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.). *The Board may also choose to implement summer enhancement programs, contingent upon available funding.*”

While conclusive studies and research have yet to determine the impact of the pandemic on academic performance, some initial evidence indicates that the recent school closures and the resulting transition to remote learning has had a negative impact on student achievement and may have led to unprecedented and disproportionate learning loss, especially among fragile populations, such as students from low-income families. The district recently sent letters to over 10,000 MSO students who were not making adequate progress to encourage them to return to the schoolhouse.

Our District has historically looked to summer school as a means of assisting students who have fallen behind in their grade level and to make up courses that they may have been unable to complete during the regular school year. This item is presented for the Board to consider ways that the District may be able to expand summer school programs to assist those students that may have experienced academic regression during the regular school year and which could be attributable to the pandemic. This item also asks that the Superintendent explore other avenues such as grants, to secure additional funding to support this endeavor.

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 explore the feasibility of expanding summer school services and other enhanced opportunities to assist those students whose performance may have been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and to explore available funding, through grants or other sources for this purpose.