

Dr. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REDISTRICTING**

**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC**

**BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

The School Board is required by law to review, formulate, and approve a redistricting plan and adopt a resolution setting forth the boundaries for that plan prior to the end of 2021. To comply with Florida Statute 1001.36 and address all related issues or concerns the Board may have, the Board must retain the services of outside counsel, consultants, and redistricting database experts. These entities will assist with the redistricting process and study the proposed legislative changes in the configuration of the Board that could impact the redistricting process in 2021. The U.S. Census Bureau announced on February 12, 2021 that redistricting data will be submitted to all states by September 30, 2021. With this information, the School Board must redraw the nine residence area boundaries to achieve Board member residence areas that are reflective of the population changes that have occurred since the 2010 Census.

At the March 17, 2021 regular Board meeting, Item G-4 was approved by the Board, authorizing the Board Attorney to retain the services of outside legal counsel, consultant(s), and redistricting database expert(s) for the purpose of assisting with the complexities for the redistricting process and reviewing and advising the Board on the legal repercussions related to proposed legislation.

In addition to the foregoing, it is imperative that we engage our respective communities in the redistricting process. In order to properly engage our communities, this item seeks to establish a Citizens Redistricting Advisory Task Force comprised of nine (9) School Board appointees, District staff, a representative from the School Board Attorney's office and legal and redistricting experts.

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 authorize the Superintendent to establish a redistricting task force comprised of nine (9) School Board appointees, district staff, a representative from the School Board Attorney's office, and legal and redistricting experts. The task force will hold meetings throughout each Board Member district and issue a report of the task force's recommendations to the School Board prior to the Board voting on the redistricting plan.