

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of January 12, 2022

January 11, 2022

Office of Intergovernmental Affairs & Compliance
Tabitha G. Fazzino, Chief Intergovernmental Affairs & Compliance Officer

**SUBJECT: AMEND THE BOARD APPROVED 2022 STATE AND
FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOVERNMENT
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL
PRACTICES**

Given the ongoing disruptions to teaching and learning due to student and teacher absences caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, authorization is requested to amend the District's 2022 State and Federal Legislative Programs to request that the Florida and the U.S. Departments of Education provide flexibility on the following assessment and accountability requirements for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Graduation requirements for the 2021-2022 graduating class
- 3rd Grade retention requirements
- School Grades/School Improvement Ratings
- Utilization of academic growth component (VAM) in teacher evaluations

These recommendations are made because of the critical conditions facing the District as the COVID-19 positivity rate in the community averages 35 percent based on the January 10, 2022, Miami-Dade County official COVID dashboard. As of January 2022, over 130,000 instructional days have been lost due to student absences from school which is certain to result in additional learning loss for students.

Good cause exists to vary from the established agenda because Florida's Legislative session begins on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, and concludes on Friday, March 11, 2022. Staff will be working with our legislative team to ensure that these additional priorities are shared. This item has been approved by the School Board Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

**Good Cause
E-202**

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to amend the District's 2022 State and Federal Legislative Programs to request flexibility on the following assessment and accountability requirements for the 2021-2022 school year: graduation requirements for the 2021-2022 graduating class; 3rd Grade retention requirements; School Grades/School Improvement Ratings; and utilization of academic growth component (VAM) in teacher evaluations.

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