

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT: AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC**

**PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY, & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools offered 196 free after school programs for the 2021-2022 school year. These are financed in part through the Children's trust and other grant-funded programs.

With the current rates of inflation and the rising costs of services, most parents in Miami-Dade County would welcome relief from free or low cost, high quality after school care for their children.

There is great variety of how our after school programs are funded: some of our schools offer their own, parent paid programs; some lease facilities for operators in their schools; municipalities sponsor programs for their constituents.

Former Mayor of Miami Xavier Suarez has been a major proponent of exploring partnerships throughout the county and revenue streams throughout the country to establish as many free programs as possible. During his tenure as a Miami-Dade County commissioner and member of the Children's Trust, he advocated and established very successful, low cost programs for his district.

At the School Board Meeting of December 14, 2016, the School Board approved agenda item H-6, proffered by School Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman and co-sponsored unanimously. The item encouraged the Superintendent to seek out opportunities to collaborate with entities that can deliver, free of charge to the children, high-quality and engaging youth programming during out of school times.

In our service to the public, our school board members should be apprised of all the afterschool programs within the district and how they are funded to see if there are potential possibilities to offer more free or lower cost programs. We should also be assured that all avenues of collaboration with municipalities and county government have been maximized.

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, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. Provide a report to the board of after school programs at our schools, their cost, and how they are funded; and
2. Leverage after school program providers and maximize collaboration with municipalities and other agencies to offer more free programs; and
3. Encourage the Superintendent to seek out opportunities to collaborate with entities that can deliver, free of charge to the children, high quality, and engaging youth programming during out of school times; and
4. Provide a response by the September 2022 School Board Meeting.