

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

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**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 provided by free or low cost, high quality after school care for their children.

There is great variety in 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; and some municipalities sponsor programs for their constituents.

Former Mayor of Miami Xavier Suarez has been a major proponent of exploring partnerships throughout the county and seeking 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 non-school hours.

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**Revised  
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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;
- 2. Explore maximizing collaboration with municipalities and other agencies to seek opportunities to deliver free of charge, high quality, and engaging youth programming during non-school hours: and to
- 3. Provide a response by the September 2022 School Board Meeting.

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