

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chairman

**SUBJECT: ENCOURAGE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO UTILIZE THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNICATION RESOURCES TO RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF FLORIDA'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY, FROM JULY 25 - AUGUST 7, 2022**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

For a number of years, the Florida Legislature has authorized a sales tax-free weekend for basic school supplies in advance of the opening of the new school year. Typically, the exempt items have included qualifying clothing, footwear, backpacks and basic supplies such as pencils, pens, notebooks, erasers and other school items. The Legislature has also extended sales tax exemptions to a number of the technological learning tools that students find useful in today's digital learning environment.

In preparation to the opening of the 2022-2023 school year, once again Floridians will be able to get more for their money during a 14-day Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, from July 25 - August 7, 2022. Undoubtedly, this tax holiday will provide parents an opportunity to save money, as they purchase items and prepare their children for a successful school year.

Our community is composed of hardworking families for whom this sales tax holiday will bring a welcomed financial relief. Therefore, it is in the best interests of the students and parents we serve that we use the District's communication resources to make certain that Miami-Dade County citizens are aware of the upcoming tax free holiday, so that as many people as possible may benefit.

This agenda item seeks to encourage the Superintendent to utilize the District's communication resources to raise community awareness of Florida's Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, from July 25 - August 7, 2022.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR**

**MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, encourage the Superintendent to utilize the District's communication resources to raise community awareness of Florida's Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, from July 25 - August 7, 2022.