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SUBJECT: SUPPORT HURRICANE IAN RECOVERY EFFORTS AND WAIVE AND/OR SUSPEND PROHIBITIONS OUTLINED IN BOARD POLICIES 5830, STUDENT FUNDRAISING, AND 9700, RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS, IN ORDER TO ALLOW FUNDRAISING AND/OR OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS DISTRICT ASSISTANCE IN RELIEF EFFORTS

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Hurricane Ian was a destructive Category 4 hurricane that caused widespread damage across parts of southwest Florida. Miami-Dade County Public Schools has a long history of assisting communities impacted by natural disasters; consequently, in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, stakeholders are likely to inquire about ways to provide donations and offer support to those who may be impacted.

As such, it is appropriate to vary from School Board Policy and allow schools and work locations to post information and/or collect funds or supplies in support of storm relief efforts. In authorizing fundraising and other charitable activities related to storm relief, the Board must waive any prohibitions set forth in School Board Policy, including limitations on fundraising and solicitation of donations set forth in 5830, *Student Fundraising*, and 9700, *Relations with Special Interest Groups*.

In addition, this item requests School Board's authorization to provide additional support and resources, including personnel, as needed to assist the impacted Florida districts to effectively respond and recover.

This item is intended to directly appeal to public engagement and participation in support of community-centered initiatives pursuant to Policy 0165.1.

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RECOMMENDED:

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. waive and suspend prohibitions outlined in Board Policies 5830, *Student Fundraising*, and 9700, *Relations with Special Interest Groups*, in order to allow fundraising and/or other charitable activities in support of relief efforts in response to Hurricane Ian, and
2. authorize the Superintendent to provide logistical and staff support.