

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is no stranger to the negative, devastating impact that a natural disaster such as *Hurricane Ian* can have on a community—and more importantly, the education of students. From *Hurricane Andrew* of 1992—a powerful and destructive Category 5 Hurricane that became one of the most destructive hurricanes in terms structural damage and financial costs to ever hit Florida to *Hurricane Irma* which surpassed it 25 years in 2017. Having experienced the impact and effects of such devastation, M-DCPS understands, appreciates, and values the importance of collaborating in the provision of support, relief, and aid to communities impacted a hurricane.

In these instances, M-DCPS, as the nation's 4th largest school district, has consistently responded to crisis and risen to the occasion to provide aid, relief, and support in times of crisis. Such a response is needed to communities, schools, families, and most important, children in the hardest hit areas of Southwest Florida.

Thus, this item seeks to affirm the Board's commitment to working with related entities, organizations, and stakeholders in the provision of relief and support to schools, districts, and/or communities, impacted by Hurricane Ian, as appropriate and direct the Superintendent to explore the development and/or promotion of a district and/or individual schoolwide initiative to support the collection and provision of resources to aid and support schools, districts, and/or communities, impacted by Hurricane Ian, as appropriate and provide an update to the School Board no later than November 18, 2022 and updates to the School Board on a monthly basis, as deemed appropriate and relevant.

This item has been reviewed by the School Board Attorney for legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

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

1. affirm the School Board's commitment to working with related entities, organizations, and stakeholders in the provision of relief and support to schools, districts, and/or communities, impacted by Hurricane Ian, as appropriate;
2. direct the Superintendent to explore the development and/or promotion of a district and/or individual schoolwide initiative such as supply drives, support letter campaigns, class/school/district partnerships/adoptions, etc. to support the collection and provision of resources to aid and support students, staff, schools, districts, and/or communities, impacted by Hurricane Ian, as appropriate; and
3. provide an update to the School Board no later than November 18, 2022, and updates to the School Board on a monthly basis, as deemed appropriate and relevant.