Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of October 19, 2022

October 13, 2022

Dr. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

Co-Sponsors: Dr. Steve Gallon III, Vice Chair
Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall
Dr. Marta Perez
Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas
Ms. Luisa Santos

ADDED

SUBJECT: **EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF REVISING THE ORIENTATION COMPONENT OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 0141.1 (STUDENT ADVISOR TO THE SCHOOL BOARD)**

COMMITTEE: **PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: **SAFE, HEALTHY, & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**

The position of Student Advisor to the School Board was established on April 25, 1985. The Student Advisor serves a vital role in Board meetings as the official liaison between the Board and students enrolled in the District. School Board Policy 0141.1, which defines the role of the Student Advisor, was created to ensure that the Student Advisor would receive proper instruction on the functions of the school board and the school system. Although an orientation process is delineated in this policy, there are evident areas which can be improved.

Past student advisors have suggested areas in their training for their role in this position that would have been more beneficial to their work if the instruction provided had been more detailed. The most commonly voiced request was that a District level individual be identified for the purpose of providing mentorship throughout their term. Although Student Advisors are introduced to the Board members, the Superintendent, and their administrative staff as part of their orientation, there is no formal mentor relationship established in this process and the responsibility to support the Student Advisor is assigned to no one in particular.

The purpose of this item is to request that the Student Advisor orientation process be reviewed and enhanced in order to maximize their potential and ensure they arrive prepared for their first School Board meeting. This item also seeks that the Superintendent explore the feasibility of identifying a District level liaison for the Student Advisor, which would assist and provide mentorship to the Student Advisor, throughout their term.

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

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. LUBBY NAVARRO:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to explore and review the feasibility of amending the orientation component of School Board Policy 0141.1 (Student Advisor to the School Board) to provide for additional orientation and ongoing mentorship, as well as to provide a liaison for the Student Advisor in the Office of the Superintendent.

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