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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CERTIFY THE 2023-2024 CLASS SIZE COMPLIANCE PLAN

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: EFFECTIVE & SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

In accordance to the Class Size Reduction Amendment to the Florida Constitution, s.1003.03, F.S., districts must comply with the Constitutional Class Size Limit at the classroom level in core courses (e.g., Math, English, Science, etc.) as follows: 18 students in prekindergarten through grade 3; 22 students in grades 4 through 8; and 25 students in grades 9 through 12. However, the passage of House Bill 7009, during the 2013 Legislative Session, amended s. 1002.31, F.S., Public School Parental Choice, which allows a school or program that is classified as a public school “choice” to limit class size to the average number of students at the school level.

In compliance with state law, compliance with fiscal year 2022-2023 class size reduction maximums were calculated at classroom level and school level, as appropriate, for the October 2022 full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment survey through November 4, 2022. Each school not in compliance must submit a plan, certified by the School Board, to the Commissioner of Education by February 1, 2023, that describes the specific actions to be taken to fully comply with class size reduction requirements by October 2023, next school year.

Detailed below is the Class Size Compliance Plan that contains actions that will be implemented during the 2023-2024 school year for those schools not in compliance:

- Enhance and expand partnerships with local/regional colleges and universities to leverage multiple programs as teacher pipelines.
- Host hiring/recruitment events (virtual and in-person) multiple times throughout the year and ensure we promote M-DCPS as an employer-of-choice that hires year-round
- Participation in recruitments events (virtual and in-person) – locally, regionally, and nationally

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- Promote dual enrollment opportunities to qualified students in high schools.
- Use methods to maximize the use of instructional staff, such as, assigning traditional non-classroom instructional staff to a classroom; scheduling of planning periods, deploying district employees with core-curricular certification to the classrooms.
- Identify under-enrolled electives and accommodate students' alternate requests prior to finalizing secondary schools' Master Schedules.
- Monitor class size status, district-wide, providing feedback to schools, regions and district offices that identify strategies for full compliance.
- Provide district-led technical assistance to schools, on a case-by-case basis to identify classrooms not in compliance with class size and provide possible options to adjust the master schedule to mitigate class size.

Once available, copies of the plan will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and in the Citizen Information Center, Room 102, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, certify the 2023-2024 Class Size Compliance Plan.