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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE THE 2023-2024 COMPREHENSIVE EVIDENCE-BASED READING PLAN (CERP)

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

Commencing in the 2023-2024 school year, the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Rule 6A-6.053 requires each school district to submit a *Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan* (CERP) for the specific use of the evidence-based reading instruction allocation to improve student performance and address educational priorities by June 15. The comprehensive reading plan must be approved by the applicable school board, charter school governing board, or lab school board of trustees, for the specific use of the evidence-based reading instructional allocation, based on a root-cause analysis. The Department shall then release to each school district its allocation of appropriated funds, pending plan submission, by July 1, 2023. As a result, it is important to note that the *Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan* (CERP) has a designated budget page. The state has instructed school districts to utilize the budget allocation for the 2022-2023 CERP to budget for the 2023-2024 CERP until the state releases the allocation in July which is subject to change once the allocation is approved.

The evidence-based reading instruction allocation is created to provide comprehensive reading instruction to students in kindergarten through grade 12. The CERP also promotes reflection regarding strengths and challenges in the implementation throughout the year thus identifying areas for improvement for the following year. Incorporated within this plan, and reflected for all schools and grade levels, are the role of administration at both the district and school level, professional development, assessment, curriculum, and instruction in the improvement of student learning of Florida's B.E.S.T. English Language Arts Standards as provided in F.A.C. Rule 6A-1.09401, Student Performance Standards.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) 2023-2024 CERP was created using the Florida Department of Education's online CERP template and in conjunction with

select M-DCPS departments and bureaus. Additionally, a rigorous review process was established which included the Florida Department of State Leadership Regional Directors (SLRDs).

The following establishes a new process for K-12 CERP submission and release of funds due to legislative changes as defined in F.A.C. Rule 6A-6.053:

- Removed the requirement that the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) review/approve each plan; rather the applicable district school board, charter school governing board, or lab school board of trustees approves plan for the specific use of the evidence-based reading instruction allocation.
- Removed the requirement that districts must use the FDOE provided plan template, rather districts may use the FDOE provided template or a plan format they develop on their own including requirements.
- Changed required date for plan submission from May 1 to June 15.
- By July 1, the Department shall release reading allocations to each school district pending plan submission.

The following are highlights of the revisions to the 2023-2024 CERP (F.A.C. Rule 6A-6.053):

- Defines Substantial Reading Deficiency student criteria based on the new Coordinated Screening and Progress Monitoring System for grades K-3. For grades 4-12, the student criteria are established at the discretion of the school district.
- Emphasizes the utilization of evidence-based instructional materials and strategies that have a significant effect on improving student outcomes as defined in 20 U.S.C.s.7801(21)(A)(i).
- Added "Section 7" for districts to describe tutoring programs that accelerate literacy learning within the district (F.A.C. Rule 6A-6.053(2)).

A copy of the 2023-2024 *Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan* (CERP) may be viewed online at:

[2023-2024 Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan \(CERP\)](#)

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the *2023-2024 Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan* (CERP).

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