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District Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' FAMILY
REUNIFICATION PLAN**

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

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

Florida State Statute 1006.07(6)(e) requires each district school board and charter school governing board shall adopt, in coordination with local law enforcement agencies and local governments, a family reunification plan to reunite students and employees with their families in the event that a school is closed or unexpectedly evacuated due to a natural or manmade disaster. This reunification plan must be reviewed annually and updated, as applicable. The Florida Administrative Code Rule 6A-1.0018(17) specifies that individual school plans must be consistent with district policies. Additionally, district reunification plans must address identification of potential reunification sites, training for employees, multiple methods to effectively communicate with family members of students and staff, and methods to aid law enforcement in student and staff identification.

All required components of the reunification plan as defined in state statute and the Florida Administrative Code have been met. All reunification sites listed in the plan have been reviewed and vetted by MDCPS Principals, MDC School Police, and MDCPS District Operations. Additional community-based reunification sites have been offered by multiple municipalities that may be used by our school district's traditional or charter schools. Charter School Boards will have to independently adopt their independent reunification plan. Charter schools have been invited to use any part of our district's reunification plan. Once approved, the district will contract with the I Love U Guys Foundation to provide a two-day on-site training for district leaders, including school police, who will serve on one of three reunification teams. This training will include both classroom instruction and practical reunification exercises. In addition, every law enforcement agency within the twenty-seven municipalities has requested to participate in this training.

The reunification plan is confidential and exempt from public disclosure pursuant to sections 281.301 and F.S. and exempt from public records requests under s. 119.071 (3) Florida statutes.

The completed reunification plan will be forwarded under separate cover to the Board prior to the Board Meeting of May 17, 2023.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Family Reunification Plan to comply with Florida State Statute 1006.07(6)(e) and the Florida Administrative Code Rule 6A-1.0018(17) School Safety Requirements and Monitoring.