

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of July 19, 2023

July 6, 2023

Ms. Lourdes Diaz, Chief Academic Officer  
Office of Academics and Transformation

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SCHEDULE THE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PUBLIC HEARING**

**COMMITTEE:               ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

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

Per Board Policy 2510, public notice and access to materials recommended for adoption must be provided at least twenty (20) calendar days prior to Board consideration of State-adopted or District-adopted materials being recommended for adoption. Parent notification of the availability of the materials must be provided using parent e-mails, postings on the District website/portal/app, and using automated phone calls. The Board shall then conduct an open noticed Board hearing to receive public comment on any (State-adopted or District-adopted) instructional materials being recommended by the Superintendent to the Board for adoption. Parents will be notified at least seven (7) calendar days prior through the regular publication procedures for Board meetings, as well as through use of the methods described above. The notice must specifically state which instructional materials are being reviewed and the manner in which the public can access the materials for review.

In compliance with Section 1001.371, Florida Statutes, The Board established its schedule of regular meetings for 2023 at its Organization Meeting held on November 22, 2022. This schedule included “an open, noticed School Board hearing to receive public comment on the recommended instructional materials,” which is required by Florida Statutes 1006.283(2)(b)(8)(b). This public hearing must be held on a date different from the date on which The School Board will consider approval of the instructional materials. At the February 15, 2023 School Board meeting, the Board approved item C-2, which recommended that the public hearing originally scheduled for March 29, 2023 be rescheduled.

**C-3**

The state has now released the list of approved titles for the Social Studies textbook adoption. As such, the District is now actively preparing to engage in the required selection process to adopt materials from the state's adopted titles. In consultation with the School Board General Counsel's office and the School Board Clerk's office, it is recommended that the District schedule the required Instructional Materials Public Hearing at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, with the intent to approve the annual instructional materials plan identifying instructional materials that will be purchased for use during the subsequent academic year at the already scheduled October 11, 2023 Board Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, schedule the annual Instructional Materials Public Hearing at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.