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SUBJECT: SUPPORT RECOVERY EFFORTS FOR THE MAUI WILDFIRE

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

On August 8, 2023, the Hawaiian island of Maui was devastated by wildfire causing massive loss of life and property. The Maui public schools have also suffered a devastating loss of facilities, resources, and supplies as well as the displacement of staff and students. A number of emergency and humanitarian organizations such as the Red Cross, United Way, Hawaii Community Foundation, and the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation are collecting donations for the benefit of wildfire victims. As has been the case with previous natural disasters, many in our District have inquired how they may offer assistance or provide donations to those impacted by this disaster. Therefore, it is appropriate to vary from School Board Policy and allow schools and work locations to post information and/or collect funds or supplies in support of Maui recovery relief efforts. In authorizing fundraising and other charitable activities related to Maui recovery relief, the Board must waive any prohibitions set forth in School Board Policy, including limitations on fundraising and solicitation of donations set forth in 5830 - *Student Fundraising* and 9700 - *Relations with Special Interest Groups*.

Further, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has expertise in disaster response, recovery, and support which has been deployed to assist disaster-impacted school districts on many occasions. If requested and appropriate, authorization from the Board for the Superintendent to utilize resources and/or deploy support to Maui public schools and/or the Hawaii Department of Education.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. Good Cause is sought to vary from the published agenda as this natural disaster occurred after its regular publication and time is of the essence to provide relief to impacted victims.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida,

1. waive and suspend prohibitions outlined in Board Policies *5830 - Student Fundraising* and *9700 - Relations with Special Interest Groups* in order to allow fundraising and/or other charitable activities in support of relief efforts in response to Maui Wildfire Disaster Recovery Efforts; and
2. Authorize the Superintendent to provide assistance and resources as appropriate, to assist and support the Hawaii Department of Education and Maui public schools.