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SUBJECT: HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

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

Pop N' Prep is a free homework help service exclusively for Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) students in kindergarten through twelve grades. Homework assistance is provided by certified M-DCPS teachers, and is available Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sessions are twenty to thirty minutes long, dependent on the grade level and subject area.

The unduplicated teacher and student counts for Pop n Prep to date, for the 2023-2024 academic year are eight hundred sixty-two (862) students and sixty-six (66) teachers. Pop n Prep offers homework assistance in the following courses:

- grades K-2 ELA
- grades K-2 ELA – Spanish
- grades K-2 Math
- grades K-2 Math – Spanish
- grades 3-5 English Language Arts (ELA)
- grades 3-5 ELA – Spanish
- grades 3-5 Mathematics (Math)
- grades 3-5 Math – Spanish
- grade 5 Science
- Grade 5 Science – Spanish
- Middle School Civics & Social Studies
- Middle School Math
- Middle School Math – Spanish
- Middle School Science
- Middle School Science – Spanish
- Middle School and High School Algebra (1 & 2)
- Middle School and High School Algebra (1 & 2) – Spanish
- Middle School and High School Biology
- Middle School and High School Biology – Spanish
- High School Social Studies
- Middle School and High School ELA
- Middle School and High School Geometry
- Middle School and High School Geometry – Spanish

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This item seeks to direct the Superintendent, to evaluate the efficacy and impact of Pop N' Prep, and if determined to be effective, explore the feasibility of extending the hours, and days available for students to receive homework assistance, while also expanding the courses in which students can receive support, while exploring the feasibility of increasing the number of teachers providing homework assistance to students, particularly for advanced level courses. The course offerings, particularly for high school students, are limited and provide no support to students in advanced courses of study. High school students, many of whom participate in interscholastic athletics, after school clubs, extracurricular activities, and work after school, may have difficulty receiving assistance through Pop N' Prep due to the limited hours and limited number of days available.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. MONICA COLUCCI:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to:

1. Evaluate the efficacy and impact of Pop N' Prep, and if determined to be effective, explore the feasibility of extending the hours, and days available for students to receive homework assistance, while also expanding the courses in which students can receive support,
2. Explore the feasibility of increasing the number of teachers providing homework assistance to students, particularly for advanced level courses,
3. Present the results at the Academics, Innovation, Evaluation & Technology Committee meeting of Wednesday, November 7, 2023.