

Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 5112

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY, & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is experiencing a significant surge in student enrollment, marking a momentous period of growth and transformation for the education system. The city's growing population, combined with factors such as migration, has contributed to this influx of students. This surge in numbers presents both unique opportunities and challenges for our schools. While we foster inclusive learning environments, and recognize that diversity enriches the learning experience, we must ensure that we are providing a quality education for each and every student. To address the logistical challenges presented, we need to implement strategic measures, which require collaborative efforts by administrators, teachers, parents, and community members.

As we navigate these changing times, the School Board of Miami-Dade County is committed to practices that support adequate school capacity and entrance requirements. School Board Policies cites the practices and provisions for residence requirements for registering and admitting students to M-DCPS schools.

School Board Policies 5112, *Entrance Requirements*, Section VII, Verification of Residence, states that "verification of a parent's residence via a Statement of *Bonafide* Residence- FM-7444 shall be required at the time the child registers in a District school. Verification of residence may also be required at any other time at the discretion of the Superintendent. The student shall reside with the parent placing the student in the attendance area of the school. In addition, submission of two (2) of the following items are required: A. broker's or attorney's statement of parents' purchase of residence, or properly executed lease agreement; B. current Homestead Exemption card; C. electric deposit payment receipt or electric bill, bottom portion, showing name and service address."

To provide a more seamless and comprehensive address verification process, once an individual school's capacity exceeds one hundred percent (100%), the school should require submission of all three items of the aforementioned as proof of residence, along with Florida Identification. This can only be exercised or implemented after a written request is made by the school's Principal to the Superintendent, through their Region office and Deputy Superintendent.

As a result, this item seeks to direct the Superintendent, in consultation with the Office of the General Counsel, to review Policy 5112, including but not limited to Section VII, Verification of Residence, to include a more extensive process of address verification when a school's capacity exceeds one hundred percent (100%).

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. LUCIA BAEZ-GELLER:**

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

- a. In consultation with the office of the General Counsel, review Policy 5112, including but not limited to Section VII, Verification of Residence, to include a more extensive process of address verification when a school's capacity exceeds one hundred percent (100%);
- b. provide a comprehensive report to the School Board every year after the Florida Department of Education's Full-Time Enrollment (FTE) report is released; and
- c. provide an update about Policy 5112 revisions no later than the Personnel, Student, School, and Community Support of August 16, 2023.