

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member

SUBJECT: ALIGNMENT WITH HB 477

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: EFFECTIVE & SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools is committed to full compliance with all School Board Policy and statutory requirements. The recent legislative session has resulted in numerous changes impacting public education and the service of school board members.

Specifically, HB 477 modifies the legislation adopted during the 2022 Legislative Session which established term limits for school board members at 12 years or 3 terms by reducing that time to 8 years or 2 terms. The time in office under this proposal would begin with the most recent election of November 2022. The limitation only applies to terms of office beginning on or after November 8, 2022, and is prospective, so that school board members reelected to a consecutive term in 2022 could serve 8 consecutive years from that date before reaching the term limit. In other words, a school board member is now prohibited from appearing on a ballot for reelection if the member will have served, or would have served if not for resignation, in that office for 8 consecutive years. The Bill was signed by the Governor on May 9, 2023.

As a result of this Legislation, several provisions, benefits, and considerations for School Board members should be reviewed, and where necessary, aligned to the provisions and related term limits set forth in HB 477. This review and related alignment should be limited to any policy and/or provisions that would now be deemed moot and/or unattainable due to the new term limit requirements.

This item seeks to direct the Superintendent to review any and all provisions, benefits, and considerations provided to School Board Members that are aligned to terms and/or years of service that would no longer be attainable and/or relevant, align said provisions and considerations to the terms and/or years of service as stipulated in HB 477, and notify the School Board, as necessary, of any and all provisions, benefits, and considerations that have been aligned to the terms and/or years of service as stipulated in HB 477 by August 31, 2023.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

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

1. review any and all provisions, benefits, and considerations provided to School Board Members that are aligned to terms and/or years of service that would no longer be attainable and/or relevant;
2. align said provisions, and considerations to the terms and/or years of service as stipulated in HB 477; and
3. notify the School Board, as necessary, of any and all provisions, benefits, and considerations that have been aligned to the terms and/or years of service as stipulated in HB 477 by August 31, 2023.