

Ms. Luisa Santos, Board Member

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, JOIN IN PROMOTING THE COLLEGE FAIR AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENCOURAGE ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE “2025 MIAMI NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR”

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC

PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, & INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

At the School Board Meeting of August 18, 2021, the School Board approved School Board Agenda Item H-16 (Revised), *Post Secondary Success Commitment*. The *Framework for Post-Secondary Success* includes:

1. **Baseline Data:** understand where we are to determine where we can improve and grow
2. **Universal Standards:** implement a post secondary planning curriculum that aligns the efforts of all stakeholders advising students in post-secondary planning
3. **Personalization:** increase opportunities for all students to access individual advising
4. **Best in Class CAP Advisors:** provide new CAP Advisor orientations and high-quality, ongoing professional development aligned to newly created universal standards
5. **Centralized Leadership:** secure the centralized personnel needed to oversee and execute this framework
6. **Ongoing Evaluation:** set annual metrics and reports to track success and best practices
7. **Culture Shift:** cultivate and norm district and community wide expectations regarding post-secondary planning
8. **The Tools:** leverage the power of the tech tools we currently use, such as SCOIR

Continuing on the legacy left behind by former School Board Chair, Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, who proposed a similar item annually during her tenure, and in alignment with the framework above, this item recommends that the School Board join in promoting the College Fair across all of our Miami-Dade County public schools.

The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) hosts National College Fairs across the country. The 2024 Miami NACAC National College Fair provided students, parents, and community members the opportunity to meet with representatives from over 200 colleges around the world. Next year, the 2025 Miami NACAC National College Fair will further serve as a bridge between our Miami-Dade community and higher education opportunities. The 2025 Miami National College Fair will host a variety of information sessions, led by professionals from the college admissions office, financial aid departments, and advisors who are there to support students and their parents navigate post-secondary planning. This event is traditionally held in March every year in Miami.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. LUISA SANTOS:**

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, join in promoting the College Fair and authorize the Superintendent to encourage all Miami-Dade County Public Schools to participate in the “2025 Miami NACAC National College Fair” in March of 2025.