

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF EXISTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS) BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS AND POSSIBLE PROMULGATION OF NEW POLICIES IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, REGARDING THE FINDINGS OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (OIG) INVESTIGATIVE REPORT 2022-0004

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: EFFECTIVE & SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

The School Board is dedicated and committed to ensure that Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) provides a safe learning environment for all students. A number of policies and procedures have been initiated, amended, or adopted by the Board as it continues to promote and maintain positive outcomes in the operation of the school district ensuring school safety, security, and fair student discipline procedures in support of a positive learning environment for all.

A recent correspondence from Florida's Chancellor of Public Schools to the Superintendent of Schools is requesting a review of the recommendations of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Investigative Report 2022-0004, pursuant to allegations identified in the Final Report of the Twentieth Statewide Grand Jury (Case #: SC19-240). Specifically, it is asking for a review of M-DCPS policies and procedures regarding public records retention, assuring some type of data quality assurance review prior to reporting data in the School Environment Safety Incident Report (SESIR), and other topics of interest identified in the letter.

The Superintendent responded to the Chancellor on March 22, 2024, and Board Members were copied on this correspondence. However, it might be prudent to further pursue a review of policies to determine if appropriate changes and/or enhancements need to be made.

Some of the Board policies that may be integrated in this review, and there may be others, include the following:

- 5500 – Student Conduct and Discipline (This policy includes the *Code of Student Conduct Elementary*, the *Code of Student Conduct Secondary*, and the *Post-Secondary Code of Student Conduct*, incorporated by reference in this Board policy)
- 5610 – Suspension and Expulsion of Students
- 8310 – Public Records
- 8320 – Records Management.

This agenda item seeks to direct the Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the General Counsel, to initiate a review of existing Miami-Dade County Public Schools Board policies and procedures, including the possibility of amendments and/or promulgation of new policies, if deemed necessary, in response to the recent correspondence received from the Chancellor of Public Schools, Florida Department of Education, regarding the findings of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Investigative Report 2022-0004; and provide a report to the Board by April 30, 2024, regarding actions that may be taken in response to the Chancellor's letter of March 21, 2024.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the General Counsel's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR

MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the General Counsel, to initiate a review of existing Miami-Dade County Public Schools Board policies and procedures, including the possibility of amendments and/or promulgation of new policies, if deemed necessary, in response to the recent correspondence received from the Chancellor of Public Schools, Florida Department of Education, regarding the findings of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Investigative Report 2022-0004; and provide a report to the Board by April 30, 2024, regarding actions that may be taken in response to the Chancellor's letter of March 21, 2024.