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ACTION

**SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF THE FLORIDA SEAL OF BILITERACY PROGRAM IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

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

In 2016, the Florida State Legislature enacted the Florida Seal of Biliteracy Program for high school students (State Statute 1003.432), which was “established to recognize a high school graduate who has attained a high level of competency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more foreign languages in addition to English.” The statute further states that “the seal must differentiate between two levels of competency, designated as Gold and Silver, which must be as rigorous as is recommended in the biliteracy seal guidelines established by national organizations supporting foreign language instruction.” Furthermore, specific language, including the awarding criteria for the Florida Gold Seal and Silver Seal of Biliteracy, is included in M-DCPS *Student Progression Plan 2023-2024*.

The following chart provides information regarding the number of graduating high school students who were eligible to receive the Silver Seal designation and the Gold Seal designation for the past five school years:

2018-2019		2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023	
Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold
799	3,657	774	4,184	671	4,289	759	3,785	610	2,991

This next chart includes the number of graduating high school students who have received the Silver Seal designation and or the Gold Seal Designation.

2018-2019		2019-2020*		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023**	
Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold
552	2,688			372	2,753	463	2,523		

*\*Due to the exemption from statewide assessment requirements in 2019-2022 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, 2020 diploma types were not reported.*

*\*\*Data for 2022-2023 is still pending.*

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, recognize the Florida Gold and Silver Seal of Biliteracy Program in Miami-Dade County Public Schools for honoring graduating high school students who achieve a high level of competency in one or more World Languages.