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**SUBJECT:** REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDED INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR GRADES 9-12 FORENSIC SCIENCE FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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

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

In accordance with Florida Statute 1006.283, school boards must implement a process that includes the adoption and purchase of instructional materials. A public review was made available via the School Board's website beginning on August 7, 2024, and a public hearing to receive public comment at a School Board meeting was held on September 18, 2024. Instructional materials were selected in compliance with School Board Policy 2510, *Instructional Materials and Resources*, and the School Board's instructional materials adoption procedures.

The instructional material recommended for School Board approval and adoption is as follows:

<b>SUBJECT AREA NAME: Science</b>			
<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Series Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>
Forensic Science	9-12	Cengage Learning. Forensic Science: Fundamentals and Investigations, © 2021, 3rd Edition	Cengage

A parent or guardian of a public-school student or a resident of the county, as defined by Florida Statutes, may file an objection to the adoption of a specific instructional material with the Clerk of the Board by November 15, 2024, to contest the adoption.

Pursuant to F.S. 1006.28 paragraph 2(e).2, the District School Board must select, approve, adopt, or purchase all materials as a separate line item on the agenda and provide a reasonable opportunity for public comment. The use of materials described in this paragraph may not be selected, approved, or adopted as part of a consent agenda. Implementation of the adopted materials will commence during the 2025-2026 school year, as budget permits.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve and adopt the recommended instructional material for grades 9-12 Forensic Science, for the 2025-2026 school year.