

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE, AS NEEDED AND AS APPROPRIATE, TO THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF STUDENTS DUE TO THE DEVASTATION OF THE RECENT WILDFIRES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY, & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

The devastating wildfires consuming Southern California have moved in a fast and deadly blaze from the Pacific coast to just northeast of downtown Los Angeles. Thousands have evacuated their homes, and ten people have been reported have died, with the death toll expected to rise and more than 9,000 homes, businesses, and other buildings appeared to have been damaged or destroyed in the Palisades and Eaton fires. Around 5,300 structures were estimated to be damaged or destroyed in the Eaton fire burning in the Altadena area.

The fires caused over 335 schools from Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and San Diego counties to close affecting more than 211,000 students, according to the state's education department. More than 400,000 customers are facing power outages as a result of the fire. It is unclear when schools will be able to reopen or when students and staff will be able to return home.

These disruptions will be harmful to students for years to come affecting test scores for students in elementary and middle school, future college attendance, and potentially high school graduation rates. Figuring out how to mitigate the damage to students will be an ongoing challenge for educators for years to come.

This item authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, on behalf of the School Board, to reach out to the Los Angeles Unified School District and provide any assistance and support, as needed and as appropriate, for the educational needs of students, due to the devastation of the recent wildfires in Los Angeles County, California.

This item does not appear on the published Agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published Agenda as the impact of the wildfires in Los Angeles County started after the publication of the Agenda.

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:**

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