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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVE THE HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS REPORTS AND PLANS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

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

As per the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) Part 1301 – Governance, a Head Start agency must establish and maintain a formal structure for program governance that includes a governing body. Governing bodies have a legal and fiscal responsibility to administer and oversee the agency’s Head Start and Early Head Start (HS/EHS) programs. As per HSPPS Part 1301 – Governance, and the Interlocal Grant Agreement with Miami-Dade County (i.e., Grantee), The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, as governing body, is responsible for the review and approval of selected items related to the operation of the HS/EHS programs in the district. These items include:

Head Start and Early Head Start Programs Reports and Plans:

- [2024-2025 Program Improvement Plan](#)
- [2025-2026 Head Start Training and Technical Assistance Plan](#)
- [2025-2026 Table of Organization](#)
- [2025-2026 Grant Application Budget](#)
- [2025-2026 Head Start-Early Head Start Slot Allocations](#)
- [2025-2026 Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance \(ERSEA\) Plan](#)

**In the absence of a current funding letter, the 2025-2026 grant budget was developed using last fiscal year’s budget amounts, per guidance by the Grantee. Funding for Head Start/Early Head Start will be contingent upon the receipt of federal funding.*

In accordance with the Interlocal Grant Agreement, the School Board shall abide by the Miami Dade County Head Start Program Policies and Procedures, but The School Board reserves the right not to implement policies and procedures that contradict federal or state law.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida: as required by Head Start Program Part 1301 - Governance, approve, the 2024-2025 Self-Assessment Report, 2024-2025 Program Improvement Plan, 2025-2026 Training & Technical Assistance Plan, 2025-2026 Table of Organization, 2025-2026 Grant Application Budget, 2025-2026 Early Head Start/Head Start Slot Allocations, and 2025-2026 ERSEA (Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance) Plan.