Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of March 19, 2025

March 13, 2025

Mr. Joseph S. Geller, Board Member

Co-Sponsors:
Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair
Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair
Mr. Roberto J. Alonso
Ms. Mary Blanco
Mr. Danny Espino
Dr. Steve Gallon III
Ms. Luisa Santos
Added

SUBJECT: **EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION CURRICULUM**

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

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

This item seeks to direct the Superintendent to explore establishing a partnership with Miami-Dade County to develop and implement a comprehensive curriculum focused on proper recycling practices and waste reduction for Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade students.

Miami-Dade County currently generates over five million tons of waste annually, more than twice the national average per capita. Similar educational initiatives, such as the City of Atlanta's pilot program, have demonstrated success with a 27 percent increase in recyclable materials collected and a 57 percent decrease in contamination.

If approved, the Superintendent shall provide a report to the Board by June 11, 2025, regarding the feasibility of implementing this curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year, including potential costs, staffing requirements, and necessary interlocal agreements.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency

ACTION PROPOSED BY MR. JOSEPH S. GELLER:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to:

1. Explore the feasibility of establishing a partnership with Miami-Dade County to develop and implement a comprehensive curriculum focused on proper recycling practices and waste reduction for early childhood students;
2. Identify potential costs, staffing requirements, and necessary interlocal agreements for implementing this curriculum in the 2025-2026 school year; and
3. Provide a report to the Board at the Academics, Innovation, Evaluation and Technology Committee Meeting on June 11, 2025.

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