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**SUBJECT: E-BIKE AND MICROMOBILITY SAFETY INITIATIVE FOR STUDENTS
WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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The recent uptick in the use of e-bikes and electric scooters amongst school-aged children has led to a corresponding increase in injuries and fatalities across Florida and the nation. These trends present a pressing public safety concern, particularly in densely populated school zones with high pedestrian activity.

In response, the Florida Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 382 (37-0), recognizing micromobility-related incidents as a growing public safety concern, particularly among youth. Within the district, an increasing number of students rely on e-bikes as a primary mode of transportation.

However, the shift has outpaced safety education, infrastructure readiness, and consistent enforcement. Many students are operating these devices without a full understanding of traffic laws, safe riding practices, or the risks associated with high-speed travel in pedestrian-heavy areas. This lack of awareness is compounded by inconsistent safety education across schools and uneven enforcement of safe riding behaviors near campuses. Additionally, existing infrastructure, including sidewalks, bike lanes, and designated parking areas, has not kept pace with the rapid adoption of these devices, creating unsafe conditions for both riders and pedestrians. Collectively, these gaps elevate the risk of student injury, expose the District to potential liability, and contribute to increasingly congested and hazardous environments in and around school campuses.

The increased use of e-bikes and micromobility devices has a direct and multifaceted impact on school environments. Schools are experiencing a heightened risk of student injuries, particularly during arrival and dismissal times when traffic and pedestrian activity are at their peak. Additionally, the presence of high-speed devices in pedestrian-heavy areas poses safety risks to younger students, staff, and visitors, who may be unaccustomed to navigating alongside micromobility traffic. These factors, combined with increased congestion and inconsistent traffic flow around school campuses, contribute to less predictable and more hazardous conditions that require immediate and coordinated intervention.

This item seeks School Board approval to proactively address the growing safety concerns associated with the increased use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) and other micromobility devices among students by directing the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of integrating micromobility safety into health and physical education curricula; distribute clear guidance on safe e-bike use, including helmet use, speed awareness, and pedestrian right-of-way laws; and launch a district-wide awareness campaign utilizing digital and print media. This proposed initiative will

focus on education, enforcement, infrastructure, and interagency collaboration to ensure safe and sustainable student transportation practices.

Guidance issued as part of this proposed initiative, if deemed feasible and appropriate, should include the following:

- **Storage** - Electric transportation devices should be parked in the designated bike compounds or racks on campus. These devices should never block ingress or egress or be placed in any location that would compromise safety and access.
- **Charging** - Owners of electric transportation devices need to charge their equipment prior to arriving on campus. District outlets should not be used for charging.
- **Security** - It is the responsibility of the owner to lock and secure their electric transportation device. The district is not responsible for damage or theft on campus or on the way to and from school and school-sponsored events.
- **Safety** - Students must walk their electric transportation devices upon entering campus, and at all times while on campus, including parking lots and pathways unless permission from a school official has been granted otherwise. Students under 16 years of age and in possession of an electric bicycle must have a helmet with them while they are with their bicycle.

This item also authorizes the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings based on the initiative and its findings.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

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

1. Explore the feasibility of integrating micromobility safety into health and physical education curricula;
2. As deemed appropriate, draft and distribute clear guidance on safe e-bike use, including helmet use, speed awareness, and pedestrian right-of-way laws;
3. Cooperate with the Micromobility Device Safety Task Force and other government bodies by providing relevant data;
4. Launch, as deemed feasible, a district-wide awareness campaign utilizing digital and print media;
5. Initiate rulemaking, if deemed appropriate, to implement findings and recommendations; and
6. Provide a report concerning findings and recommendations at the September 2, 2026, Personnel, Student, School & Community Support Committee meeting.