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**SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF THE FLORIDA SEAL OF BILITERACY PROGRAM IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)**

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

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

In 2016, the Florida State Legislature enacted the Florida Seal of Biliteracy Program for high school students (State Statute 1003.432), which was “established to recognize a high school graduate who has attained a high level of competency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more foreign languages in addition to English.” The statute further states that “the seal must differentiate between two levels of competency, designated as Gold and Silver, which must be as rigorous as is recommended in the biliteracy seal guidelines established by national organizations supporting foreign language instruction.” Furthermore, specific language, including the awarding criteria for the Florida Gold Seal and Silver Seal of Biliteracy, is included in M-DCPS *Student Progression Plan 2025-2026*.

The following charts provide information regarding the number of graduating high school students who were eligible and/or received the Silver Seal designation and the Gold Seal designation for the past five school years:

**Number of high school students eligible for the diploma designation:**

2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026	
Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold
759	3,785	837	3,814	1,033	3,937	1,271	4,537	1,372	5,325

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**Number of graduating high school students who have received the Silver Seal designation or the Gold Seal Designation:**

2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026*	
Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold
463	2,523	610	2,991	745	2,900	971	3725		

*\*Data for 2025-2026 is still pending.*

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**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize the Florida Gold and Silver Seal of Biliteracy Program in Miami-Dade County Public Schools for honoring graduating high school students who achieve a high level of competency in one or more World Languages.