

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Miami, Florida

Excerpts from Unofficial Minutes of August 11, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting

		APPROVED	Bid Opening List of July 2, 2026, and July 9, 2026.
		APPROVED	Minutes of the July 21, 2026, Special Board Meeting, the July 22, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting, the July 29, 2026, Special Board Meeting and the July 29, 2026, First Budget Public Hearing Meeting.
124,535	<u>B-3</u>	APPROVED*	Resolution No. 26-037 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Britton Banowsky, Executive Director of the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation. *Amended to include <u>Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, and Ms. Mary Blanco</u>, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.
124,536	<u>B-4</u>	APPROVED*	Resolution No. 26-038 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Victor Benitez, President and Owner of Gus Machado Ford. *Amended to include <u>Ms. Mari Tere Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, and Ms. Mary Blanco</u>, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.
124,537	<u>B-5</u>	APPROVED*	Resolution No. 26-039 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Matthew A. Pigatt for his outstanding contribution and dedication to the Miami-Dade County community. *Amended to include <u>Ms. Mari Tere Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, and Ms. Mary Blanco</u>, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.
124,538	<u>C-1</u>	APPROVED	The Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2026-2027 Testing Calendar for Grades Pre-K through 12.
124,539	<u>C-2</u>	AUTHORIZED	The Superintendent to: 1. Enter into contractual agreements with six community agencies to operate programs for children with disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$5,552,364 effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, contingent upon approval of the 2026-2027 District Budget, as follows: • Association for Retarded Citizens of South Florida, Inc., dba The ARC of South Florida in an amount not to exceed \$1,496,404. • Easter Seals South Florida, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$875,609. • Miami Lighthouse Academy, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$849,220 (B-2 contract in an amount not to exceed \$235,997; PKESE in an amount not to

- exceed \$198,585 and Kindergarten through 4th grade in an amount not to exceed \$414,638).
- University of Miami Debbie Institute, in an amount not to exceed \$1,262,279 (B-2 contract in an amount not to exceed \$684,063 and PK-2nd grade contract in an amount not to exceed \$578,216).
- University of Miami, Linda Ray Intervention Center/Department of Psychology, in an amount not to exceed \$534,426.
- United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., dba United Community Options, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$534,426; and

2. Utilize an exception stated within School Board Policy 6320, based on the provision of educational and health-related services to support students with significant disabilities.

The appropriations for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2026-2027 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in August 2026, contingent upon approval of the 2026-2027 District Budget.

Authorization is also granted to the Superintendent to make adjustments to contracted amounts based on any State changes to the Base Student Allocation.

124,540	<u>D-20</u>	APPROVED	The Personnel Action Listing 1206 for Instructional and Support Personnel appointments, reassignments, leaves, separations, retirements, and resignations from June 19, 2026, through July 23, 2026.
124,541	<u>D-21</u>	APPROVED	1. Title change of Edulog Operations Specialist, DCSAA pay grade 42 to Routing Operations Specialist, DCSAA pay grade 42. 2. Recommendation for appointments and lateral transfers to be effective August 12, 2026, or as soon thereafter as can be facilitated, with the exception of the effective dates as noted throughout the item and authorize compensation adjustments pursuant to the MEP Manual.
124,542	<u>D-64</u>	APPROVED	The attached list of out-of-county/out-of-state trips for the 2026-2027 school year for use in conjunction with School Board Policy 2340 – Field Trips.
124,543	<u>E-86</u>	RECEIVED/ FILED	The Office of Management and Compliance Audits' 2026-2027 Audit Plan.

124,544	<u>E-87</u>	RECEIVED/ FILED	The Internal Audit Report – Selected Schools/Centers.
124,545	<u>E-88</u>	RECEIVED/ FILED	The Internal Audit Report – Property Inventory for Selected Schools/Centers.
124,546	<u>E-89</u>	RECEIVED/ FILED	The Planning Communication to the Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Audit Committee, and Management for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026, Issued by the District's Independent External Auditor, Forvis Mazars LLP.
124,547	<u>F-1</u>	AUTHORIZED*	The Superintendent to: 1) finalize negotiations and execute a Lease Agreement with Happy Family of West Kendall, Inc. (“Happy Family”), for operation of an early childhood education program at Dr. Gilbert L. Porter Elementary School, located at 15851 S.W. 112th Street, Unincorporated Miami-Dade County, substantially as set forth in the agenda item; 2) grant or deny any modifications and approvals required by the Lease Agreement related to any construction by Happy Family within the Demised Premises, Happy Family’s use of the Demised Premises on weekends or District Holidays, routine coordination and use of the Demised Premises, or for any other routine operational issues; 3) grant or deny any approvals required by this Lease Agreement within the authority granted him by the School Board in the Lease Agreement, and to grant or deny any approvals required under the Lease Agreement, including without limitation, amending any of the exhibits to the Lease Agreement, placing Happy Family in default, and renewing, extending, canceling or terminating the Lease Agreement, as provided in the Lease Agreement; and 4) deposit all lease rental revenues generated under this Lease Agreement into the District's accounts and legally restrict for public educational and facility infrastructure purposes. To ensure strict compliance with tax-exempt regulations and maximize community impact, these revenues shall be distributed across three allocation buckets: Host School- to be used exclusively for the physical improvement of the school campus or projects directly benefiting the student body, District-wide Priorities- to support capital projects, educational programming, and systemic improvements strictly aligned with the objectives of the 2026–2031 Strategic

			Plan, and Enterprise Growth- to support the continued development, capitalization, and expansion of District Enterprise Development projects specifically including the early childhood initiative enabling the District to scale similar partnerships and extend these benefits to additional school communities. These revenues will be apportioned in consultation with school administrator, Region office, and School Board member.
124,548	<u>F-2</u>	RECOMMENDED	Approval to Miami-Dade County of a request from 5215 Flagler Street, LLC, in connection with a housing project for the elderly consisting of sixty (60) housing units, located at 5215 W Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, 33134.
124,549	<u>F-3</u>	RECOMMENDED	Approval to Miami-Dade County of a request from Liberty Square Elderly, LLC, in connection with a housing project for the elderly consisting of one hundred thirty-two (132) housing units, located at 1201 NW 63 St., Miami, Florida 33147.
124,550	<u>F-4</u>	AUTHORIZED	The Superintendent to: 1) execute a Lease Agreement with Mt. Zion Evangelical Baptist Church, Inc. ("Church"), for the use of a parking lot located at 6720 N.E. 5 Avenue, Miami 33138, for staff at Morningside K-8 Academy at an initial annual rental rate of \$6,029.28, and under, substantially, the other terms and conditions noted in the agenda item; and 2) grant or deny all approvals required under the Lease Agreement, including amending any exhibits to the Lease Agreement, and renewing, extending, canceling or terminating the Lease Agreement, and placing the Church in default, as may be applicable.
124,551	<u>F-5</u>	APPROVED/ EXECUTED/ AUTHORIZED	That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida: 1) Approve and execute the Master Development Agreement with Atlantic Pacific Communities, LLC, or its affiliated development entity, for the redevelopment of a portion of the Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts site located at 11370 SW 216 Street, Miami, Florida; 2) Approve the Ground Lease and authorize its execution, including any permitted assignments, phase-related transfers, or bifurcations to affiliated ownership entities; and

- 3) Authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to implement the redevelopment consistent with the approved business terms, including execution of ancillary agreements and non-substantive modifications required by legal review or financing authorities that do not materially alter the approved economic terms.

124,552	<u>F-26</u>	AUTHORIZED	The amendment of the following Agreements to include Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Funding Compliance requirements, as noted in the body of the agenda item, under the same fees, terms and conditions of the original Agreements, as amended: • (RFQ 202) Architectural/Engineering Projects Consultant (A/EPC) Agreements for Miscellaneous Projects with Construction Budgets up to \$7.5 Million Each; • (RFQ 202) Special Projects Consultant (SPC) – Mechanical, Electrical, Structural, and Civil Engineering Agreements for Miscellaneous Projects with Construction Budgets up to \$7.5 Million Each; • (RFQ 192) Architectural/Engineering Projects Consultant (A/EPC) Agreements for Miscellaneous Projects with Construction Budgets up to \$4.0 Million Each; • (RFQ 201) Construction Manager at-Risk (CMR) Agreements for Miscellaneous Projects with Construction Budgets up to \$7.5 Million Each; • (RFQ 193) Construction Manager at-Risk (CMR) Agreements for Miscellaneous Projects with Construction Budgets up to \$4.0 Million Each; and • (RFQ 191) Job Order Contracting (JOC) System Consultant Agreement
124,553	<u>F-80</u>	APPROVED	The prequalification applications for educational facilities as listed in Attachment A (of the Agenda Item).
124,554	<u>G-1</u>	ADOPTED	The Recommended Order of the Administrative Law Judge in its entirety as its Final Order in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Yolanda Ambrose, DOAH Case No. 25-6083, dismissing the charges against the Respondent, rescinding Respondent's suspension, and awarding Respondent back pay for the period of her suspension, ten (10) workdays.
124,555	<u>G-2</u>	ADOPTED	The Recommended Order of the Administrative Law Judge in its entirety as its Final Order in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Vally J. Bastien, DOAH Case

			No. 26-0084TTS, finding Respondent guilty of Misconduct in Office, but not guilty of Gross Insubordination, and sustaining Respondent's suspension from employment, without pay, for ten (10) workdays.
124,556	<u>G-3</u>	AUTHORIZED	the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Policies 1130, 3130 and 4130, Assignments, and Policy 1130.01, Re-Assignments of Administrators.
124,557	<u>G-4</u>	APPROVED	The proposed Settlement Agreement in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Sharon K. Larsen, DOAH Case No. 25-3542TTS reinstating the Respondent and issuing Respondent back pay from the time her criminal case was resolved to the date Respondent is reinstated to her employment with the District.
124,558	<u>G-5</u>	GOOD CAUSE	The "Stipulated Final Judgment" in the matter of State of Florida Department of Transportation v. The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Miami-Dade County, and The Town of Medley, Circuit Court Case No. 2024-000882 CA-01 (25), approving settlement of the Eminent Domain action at the Medley Transportation Center, and ratifying terms of the Order of Taking so that vehicular access to the Transportation Center is maintained at all times throughout construction of NW 87 th Avenue via a signalized intersection and at all times thereafter.
124,559	<u>H-2</u>	GOOD CAUSE*	Authorize the Superintendent of Schools, on behalf of the School Board to: 1. provide any assistance, support, or humanitarian aid to schools, as needed and as deemed appropriate, for the educational, social, and psychological needs of affected and displaced students due to the devastation of the recent earthquake in Colombia: and 2. request the assistance of the Florida Commissioner of Education in exploring whether the State can provide additional educational support and resources which may help address the needs of affected schools and students ensuring that students have access to the educational resources and services necessary to support their academic continuity and long-term success.
			*Amended to include <u>Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller</u>, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.
124,560	<u>H-3</u>	DIRECTED*	The Superintendent of Schools to: 1. prepare and submit to the School Board a comprehensive report that reviews and analyzes the key components of a high-quality K–12 science education system;

2. examine the implementation and effectiveness of state science standards, high-quality instructional materials, professional learning opportunities for educators, evidence-based classroom instructional practices, interdisciplinary teaching and learning, the amount and quality of instructional time dedicated to science at the elementary level, the strategic use of assessment data to inform and improve instruction, assessment and accountability policies, pre-service teacher preparation, and the role of STEM education in strengthening science teaching and learning;
3. identify current strengths, areas for improvement, evidence-based strategies, timelines, and projected budget enhancements, if necessary, that can enhance science instruction and student achievement across the District;
4. include the findings and recommendations which will provide a framework for strengthening the District's science education curriculum program, ensuring that all students have access to rigorous, engaging, and equitable science learning experiences that prepare them for postsecondary education, high-demand careers, and informed participation in an increasingly scientific and technological society; and
5. submit and report the comprehensive report to the School Board at the Academics, Innovation, Evaluation & Technology Committee scheduled for October 7, 2026.

*Amended to include Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.

124,561	<u>H-4</u>	ENDORSED*	Hispanic Heritage Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools from September 15, 2026, through October 15, 2026.
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124,562	<u>H-5</u>	ENDORSED*	The month of September 2026 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).
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124,563	<u>H-6</u>	ENDORSED/ CELEBRATED*	October 2026 as National Principals Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
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124,564

H-7

REQUESTED*

That the Superintendent of Schools to:

1. In collaboration with the General Counsel, develop and present to the School Board a proposed policy establishing guidelines for management, allocation, reporting, oversight, and permissible use of revenues generated through the lease, licensing, joint development, shared-use agreements, or sale of District-owned real property to support District programs and initiatives;
2. Develop recommendations for inclusion in the proposed policy that address transparency and accountability measures, reporting requirements, permissible uses of revenues, reserve considerations, the reinvestment of funds in support of the District's long-term educational, capital, and strategic priorities, and appropriate oversight by the Office of Management and Compliance Audits and the Chief Auditor through access to reporting related to the status, utilization, and revenues associated with District-owned property and facilities;
3. Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the utilization levels of all District schools and other District-owned properties, including available capacity, current use, and opportunities to maximize the educational and community value of underutilized facilities, and include the findings as part of the recommendations presented to the Board;
4. Schedule a workshop to provide preliminary assessments, findings and recommendations for the Board's discussion prior to the Facilities and Construction Committee meeting in January 2027; and
5. Following the workshop and the discussion by the Board, present findings and recommendations to the Board at the Facilities and Construction Committee meeting in January 2027.

*Amended to include Ms. Maria Teresa "Mari Tere" Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.

124,565

H-8

COMMERATED*

The twenty-fifth anniversary and remembrance of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States of America.

*Amended to include Ms. Maria Teresa “Mari Tere” Rojas, Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.

124,566 **H-9** **RECOGNIZED***

September 2026 as America’s Founders’ Month, together with Labor Day (September 7, 2026), Patriot Day (September 11, 2026), Constitution Day (September 17, 2026), and Celebrate Freedom Week (September 21-25, 2026), and direct the Superintendent to encourage schools, consistent with existing curriculum standards and Florida law, to provide age-appropriate instructional activities and educational opportunities that promote civic literacy, historical understanding, constitutional principles, and responsible citizenship.

*Amended to include Ms. Maria Teresa “Mari Tere” Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.

124,567 **H-10** **DIRECTED***

The Superintendent of Schools to:

1. Review the authority, flexibility, tools, data, training, staffing, funding, and communications support currently available to principals to market and promote their schools;
2. Review applicable School Board policies, administrative procedures, approval processes, legal requirements, and operational practices governing school-level marketing, recruitment, websites, social media, community outreach, student privacy, branding, and use of District resources;
3. Incorporate, as appropriate, the findings and recommendations developed pursuant to Item H-4, “21st Century Social Media Account Policy,” to avoid duplication and ensure consistency with the District’s standards for District-affiliated social-media accounts;
4. Evaluate the feasibility of providing principals with greater autonomy to develop school-specific marketing, community-engagement, and enrollment strategies aligned with the District’s 2026–2031 strategic plan;
5. Consider how the marketing and recruitment framework currently available to magnet programs could inform a broader framework for neighborhood and other District-managed schools;
6. Identify the resources, professional development, templates, enrollment and community data, technical assistance, and District-level support principals would need to exercise additional autonomy effectively and responsibly;
7. Consider how any proposed approach could provide equitable access to resources and support so that schools are not disadvantaged by differences in

- staffing, funding, enrollment, technological capacity, or community partnerships;
8. Identify appropriate measures of effectiveness, which may include family awareness, community engagement, school inquiries, applications, enrollment and retention trends, and schools' ability to communicate their distinctive programs, accomplishments, and strengths; and
 9. Provide a report to the Board within 90 days on feasibility, findings, and recommendations, including whether a pilot program, phased implementation, policy revision, or another school-level marketing framework should be considered.

*Amended to include Ms. Maria Teresa “Mari Tere” Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.

124,568 H-11 REQUESTED*

That the Superintendent of Schools to:

1. Recognize September 2026 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in all Miami Dade County Public Schools;
2. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools, in collaboration with the Office of Community Partnerships, Education and Business Access to engage with local organizations or entities with a mission to spread awareness of childhood cancer, such as but not limited to, Live Like Bella, Nicklaus Children’s Hospital, The Children’s Cancer Fund, Sofia’s Hope, and Sebastian Strong Foundation, to raise awareness of childhood cancer and support and honor these children and their families; and
3. Direct the Superintendent of Schools to provide a report to the Board on the number of participating schools and manner in which community partners were involved by the October 7, 2026, Academics, Innovation, Evaluation and Technology Committee Meeting.

*Amended to include Ms. Maria Teresa “Mari Tere” Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.

124,569 H-12 DIRECTED*

The Superintendent to:

1. Conduct a comprehensive review of the District's use of synthetic turf and artificial grass, including student health considerations, environmental impacts, lifecycle costs, operational standards, maintenance and upkeep practices of existing turf fields, benefits and limitations, and available alternatives, and evaluate the feasibility of implementing a future policy adjustments, including maintenance and replacement costs as well as safety

concerns when such review is completed, if deemed appropriate; temporary moratorium on future installations while such review is completed;

2. Convene an advisory panel comprised of relevant community stakeholders to assist in the review, including, as appropriate, public health experts, environmental professionals, students, representatives of PTAs, school administrators, and other subject matter experts, to evaluate evidence and provide input and recommendations to the Superintendent;
3. Present the findings and any recommendations at the Facilities and Construction Meeting of October 7, 2026 December 2026.

*Amended to include Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.

124,570 **H-13** **REQUESTED***

That the Superintendent of Schools to explore the feasibility of piloting an M-DCPS Micro-Academy and, if the pilot is deemed feasible:

1. Propose an instructional and operational plan for an M-DCPS Micro Academy that contemplates different tiers of enrollment, including enrollment criteria, staffing, scheduling, governance, accountability, extracurricular activities, seat time requirements, student support services, potential pilot themes aligned with regional workforce needs, and an instructional model that incorporates personalized learning plans, project-based learning, flexible instructional scheduling where appropriate, strong parent engagement and partnerships, and the responsible use of instructional technology to enhance student learning.
2. Evaluate applicable Florida Statutes, State Board of Education rules, School Board policies, funding requirements, accountability measures, staffing considerations, and any legislative or regulatory requirements necessary to establish and operate a district Micro Academy.
3. Analyze enrollment trends and available classroom capacity at district high schools to identify the most suitable locations for pilot Micro Academies, maximizing the use of existing facilities and resources while considering the factors influencing site selection.
4. Develop and propose a budget plan that analyzes projected startup costs, annual operating expenses, potential funding sources, long-term sustainability, and any revenue opportunities permissible under Florida law and School Board policy.
5. Explore partnerships with colleges, universities, business and industry,

nonprofit organizations, and community partners to support career-connected learning, dual enrollment opportunities, internships, mentorships, and workforce development within a Micro-Academy.

6. Develop measures to evaluate the success of the pilot, including academic achievement, attendance, student engagement, graduation outcomes, college and career readiness, parent satisfaction, enrollment demand, and financial sustainability.
7. Provide recommended implementation timeline and any additional recommendations deemed appropriate for the successful development of an M-DCPS Micro Academy pilot by the October 7, 2026, Personnel, Student, School & Community Support Committee Meeting.

*Amended to include Ms. Maria Teresa “Mari Tere” Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.

124,571

H-14

GOOD CAUSE

Direct the Superintendent to:

1. As soon as practicable, initiate an analysis of the anticipated impact of the 2026–2027 school grading thresholds established pursuant to section 1008.34(3)(c)1., Florida Statutes, using final 2025–2026 M- DCPS school grade and accountability data as the baseline;
2. Include in the analysis, at a minimum:
 - Application of the 2026–2027 grading thresholds to each M-DCPS school’s 2025–2026 percentage of total available school grade points and identification of any resulting change in letter grade;
 - Application of the 2026–2027 district grading threshold to M-DCPS’s 2025–2026 percentage of total available district grade points and the performance necessary to maintain the District’s “A” designation;
 - Identification of schools within five percentage points above or below a 2026–2027 letter grade threshold, including schools at risk of moving to a lower grade and schools positioned to advance to a higher grade; and
 - For schools identified pursuant to B(3), a component level analysis identifying the student achievement, learning gains, and other applicable school grade measures presenting the greatest opportunities for measurable academic improvement;
3. Use the analysis as a strategic planning and performance monitoring tool

throughout the 2026–2027 school year by:

- Prioritizing and differentiating support for identified schools based on proximity to a threshold and the specific accountability components affecting their performance;
 - Using available student achievement, learning gains, and progress monitoring data to assess progress and make timely adjustments to strategies and supports;
 - Identifying and facilitating the replication of successful practices from M-DCPS schools demonstrating exemplary performance or significant growth in relevant accountability components; and
 - If appropriate and feasible, strategically supporting both schools at risk of moving to a lower letter grade and schools within reach of advancing to a higher grade;
4. Provide parents, employees, and the community with clear information explaining the revised 2026–2027 grading thresholds, including that the thresholds represent the percentage of total available school grade points earned across applicable accountability components, and their anticipated impact on year-to-year comparisons of school and District performance; and
 5. provide the School Board with an initial report by October 7, 2006, followed by an appropriate progress update during the 2026–2027 school year after sufficient progress monitoring data is available

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