

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

Excerpts from Unofficial Minutes of September 9, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting

		APPROVED	Bid Opening List of July 28, 2026 and August 6, 2026.
		APPROVED	Minutes of the August 11, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting and the August 19, 2026, Special Board Meeting.
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124,574	<u>A-2</u>	GOOD CAUSE	That effective September 10, 2026, or as soon thereafter as can be facilitated, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida: 1. waive the provision in Policy 1130.01, requiring that the item be presented at the appropriate committee meeting. 2. delete: Chief Communications Officer, MEP pay grade 26. 3. approve the reclassification of the following MEP: a. Assistant Superintendent, Family and Community Engagement, MEP pay grade 25 to Administrative Director, Family and Community Engagement, MEP pay grade 24; and appoint Barbara A. Mendizabal, Assistant Superintendent, Family and Community Engagement, MEP pay grade 25 to Administrative Director, Family and Community Engagement, MEP pay grade 24. b. Family Liaison Officer, MEP pay grade 24 to MEP pay grade 23; and appoint Angel L. Rodriguez, Family Liaison Officer, MEP pay grade 24 to Family Liaison Officer, MEP pay grade 23. 4. approve the reclassification of the budgeted, vacant MEP position: a. District Director, Safety and Emergency Management, MEP pay grade 23 to Executive Director, Safety and Emergency Management, MEP pay grade 22. 5. approve the proposed reorganization of selected District offices. 6. approve the recommendation for appointments and lateral transfers to be effective September 10, 2026, or as soon thereafter as can be facilitated, and authorize compensation adjustments pursuant to the MEP Manual. 7. receive the District organization charts. 8. authorize the Superintendent to make personnel adjustments to effectuate this reorganization.
124,575	<u>B-3</u>	APPROVED*	Resolution No. 26-040 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing and celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Miami-

Dade County Schools police, commemorating the beginning of school-based law-enforcement in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and its longstanding commitment to supporting the safety and security of students and staff.

*Amended to include 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.

124,576 **B-4** **APPROVED***

Resolution 26-041 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Eric and Sheena Vandyke.

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

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124,577 **B-6** **APPROVED***

Resolution No. 26-043 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky for his years of service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

124,578 **B-7** **APPROVED***

Resolution No. 26-044 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Southwood Middle School Superstars and Coral Reef Senior High School Varsity Cudettes dance teams.

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

124,579 **D-19** **RECEIVED**

The annual school safety compliance report for the 2025-2026 school year, dated July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

124,580 **D-20** **APPROVED**

1. Personnel Action Listing 1207 for Instructional and Support Personnel appointments, reassignments, leaves, separations, retirements, and resignations from July 24, 2026 through August 12, 2026.
2. Instructional personnel assigned to teach out-of-field for the 2026-2027 October FTE Survey.

124,581 **D-21** **APPROVED**

1. the proposed maximum for pay grade 26 on the Managerial Exempt Personnel (MEP) salary schedule as listed below effective September 10, 2026.
2. eligible health coverage insurance and flexible offerings for the appointment of the Chief Financial Officer as a component of a successful recruitment strategy, with benefits, effective on the first day of employment.
3. the recommendation for appointments and lateral transfers to be effective September 10, 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.

124,582

D-55

APPROVED

1. The Superintendent's recommendation for disciplinary action, which has been agreed to by the employees.
 - A) Manuel Diaz: suspension without pay from his position as Teacher at Hialeah Senior High School, for five (5) workdays, effective September 10, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board Policies 3121.01, Employment Standards and Fingerprinting of All Employees; 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; and 3210.01, Code of Ethics. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.
 - B) Wilfredo R. Martinez: suspension without pay from his position as Teacher at Dr. William A. Chapman Elementary School, for three (3) workdays, effective September 10, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; insubordination; and violation of School Board Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 3210.01, Code of Ethics; 3213, Student Supervision and Welfare; and 5630, Corporal Punishment and Use of Reasonable Force. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.
 - C) Alain Romaris Lopez: suspension without pay from his position as Refrigeration Mechanic II at Maintenance Service Center 3, for three (3) calendar days, effective September 10, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: insubordination; and violation of School Board Policies 4210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; and 4210.01, Code of Ethics. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and Articles IV and XI, Section 4 of the Contract between the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Dade County School

- D) Antonio R. Smith: suspension without pay from his position as Teacher at North Miami Middle School, for five (5) workdays, effective September 10, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 3210.01, Code of Ethics; and 3213, Student Supervision and Welfare. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.
- E) Alejandro Suarez: suspension without pay from his position as Teacher at Rockway Middle School, for three (3) workdays, effective September 10, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 3210.01, Code of Ethics; and 3213, Student Supervision and Welfare. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.
- F) Shenika M. Tuff: suspension without pay from her position as Teacher at Edison Park K-8 Center, for three (3) workdays, effective September 10, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 3210.01, Code of Ethics; and 3213, Student Supervision and Welfare. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.
- G) Giovonni A. Wilson: suspension without pay from his position as Behavior Modification Coach at North County K-8 Center, for five (5) workdays, effective September 10, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical

- Conduct; 3210.01, Code of Ethics; and 3213, Student Supervision and Welfare. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.
2. That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the Superintendent's recommendation for disciplinary action, pending the outcome of an administrative hearing or grievance/arbitration proceeding, if requested.
- A) Arlene Arias: suspension without pay from her position as Para III-PreK at Earlington Heights Elementary School, for ten (10) workdays, effective September 10, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: violation of School Board Policies 4210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 4210.01, Code of Ethics; and 4213, Student Supervision and Welfare. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), and 447.209, Florida Statutes.
 - B) Luis A. Hernandez: suspension without pay from his position as Teacher at Homestead Senior High School, for ten (10) workdays, effective September 10, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 3210.01, Code of Ethics; and 3213, Student Supervision and Welfare. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.
 - C) Iliana A. Llosa: suspension without pay from her position as Teacher at Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School, for five (5) workdays, effective September 10, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 3210.01, Code of Ethics; and 3213, Student Supervision and Welfare. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida

Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.

D) Simino D. Walden: suspension without pay and initiation of dismissal proceedings from his position as Para I-Behavioral at Miami Central Senior High School, effective September 10, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: violation of School Board Policies 4121.01, Employment Standards and Fingerprinting of All Employees; 4210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; and 4210.01, Code of Ethics. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.32, 1012.40, 435.04, 435.06, and 447.209, Florida Statutes.

124,583	<u>D-60</u>	APPROVED	the Out-of-Country field trip to Koyasan, Japan, for Miami Arts Studio 6-12 @ Zelda Glazer, Paris, France, for Ponce de Leon Middle School, Tokyo, Japan, for Young Women's Preparatory Academy, Madrid, Spain, and Lisbon, Portugal, for International Studies Preparatory Academy, France, Switzerland and Germany for Robert Morgan Senior High School, and Paris, France for Coral Reef Senior High School.
124,584	<u>D-68</u>	EXPELLED/ PROVIDED	1. expel the student specified in supplemental material SM-1 (Grade 8) furnished under separate cover to School Board members from the regular specialized centers and assigned to an alternative school/program for less than the maximum time permitted under law which is the 2026-2027 school year, the 2027 summer session, and the 2027-2028 school year. 2. provide continuing educational services in an alternative school/program during the term of the expulsion.
124,585	<u>E-1</u>	APPROVED/ AUTHORIZED	1. the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026; and 2. the Superintendent to submit the approved report to the Florida Department of Education.
124,586	<u>E-2</u>	APPROVED	the Non-Expendable Personal Property Inventory Deletions and Recoveries Report containing 4,140 deletions with a depreciated cost of \$460,875 and 3 recoveries with a depreciated cost of \$0 to update the records for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
124,587	<u>E-14</u>	AUTHORIZED	1. adopt the millage rates below: a) locally levied Discretionary Operating millage levy of .748 mills and Capital Outlay millage levy of 1.500 mills;

			b) state established Required Local Effort millage levy of 3.251 mills; c) Additional Operating voted levy of 1.000 mills; and d) Debt Service levy of .124 mills.
			2. adopt the millage resolution for FY 2026-27 for a total of 6.623 mills.
124,588	<u>E-15</u>	ADOPTED/ AUTHORIZED	1. the Educational Facilities Plan and the Five-Year Facilities Work Program for FY 2026-27 through FY 2030-31 and all required supporting documentation, including the Project Priority list. 2. the Superintendent to make minor budget, project and schedule adjustments, if necessary, and report in writing to the Board.
124,589	<u>E-16</u>	ADOPTED	the FY 2026-27 Annual Budget by approving changes from the Tentative Adopted Budget as enumerated on pages 2 through 12 and the revenues and appropriations delineated on the official state budget forms and including any amendments approved by the Board following the public hearing on September 9, 2026.
124,590	<u>E-17</u>	APPROVED	1. Resolution No. 3, FY 2025-26 General Fund Final Budget Review, decreasing revenues and appropriations by \$34,206,525; and 2. Summary of Revenues and Appropriations and the Summary of Appropriations by Function.
124,591	<u>E-18</u>	APPROVED	Resolution No. 3, FY 2025-26 Debt Service Funds Final Budget Review increasing (1) revenues, other financing sources, and beginning fund balance, and (2) appropriations, other financing uses and ending fund balance by the amount of \$4,530,712.
124,592	<u>E-19</u>	APPROVED/ AUTHORIZED	1. Resolution No. 3, FY 2025-26 Capital Outlay Funds Final Budget Review, accepting donations, adjusting revenues, appropriations, and reserves by \$(17,286,338) and documenting estimated changes in object codes, as described above and summarized on page 5 (as delineated on the Agenda item.) 2. changes to the Five-Year Facilities Work Program which result from Resolution No. 3, FY 2025-26 Capital Outlay Funds Final Budget Review.
124,593	<u>E-20</u>	APPROVED	Resolution No. 3, FY 2025-26 Food Service Fund Final Budget Review, decreasing revenues by \$1,393,041, decreasing appropriations by \$12,070,150 and increasing ending fund balance by \$10,677,109.
124,594	<u>E-21</u>	APPROVED	1. Resolution No. 3, FY 2025-26 Special Revenue Funds - Other Federal Programs (Contracted Programs) Fund Final Budget Review, increasing

			revenues and appropriations by \$897,235; and 2. the Summary of Revenues and Appropriations (page 2 of the Agenda Item) and the Summary of Appropriations by Function (page 4 of the Agenda Item).
124,595	<u>E-22</u>	APPROVED	1. Resolution No. 1, FY 2025-26 Special Revenue Funds – Other CARES Act Relief (Including GEER) Fund Final Budget Review, decreasing revenues and appropriations by (\$4,726); and 2. the Summary of Revenues and Appropriations (page 2 of the Agenda Item) and the Summary of Appropriations by Function (page 4 of the Agenda Item).
124,596	<u>E-23</u>	APPROVED	1. Resolution No. 2, FY 2025-26 Special Revenue Funds – Other ARP Fund Final Budget Review, updating the budgeted appropriations; and 2. the Summary of Revenues and Appropriations (page 2 of the Agenda Item) and the Summary of Appropriations by Function (page 3 of the Agenda Item).
124,597	<u>E-24</u>	APPROVED	1. Resolution No. 1, the FY 2025-26 Miscellaneous Special Revenue – School Board Law Enforcement Trust Fund – Final Budget Review, increasing revenues by \$182,624, decreasing appropriations by \$150,669 and increasing ending fund balance by \$333,293 as shown on the schedule on page 4 of 6 (of the Agenda Item); and 2. Resolution No. 1, the FY 2025-26 Miscellaneous Special Revenue – School Board Special Events Trust Fund - Final Budget Review, increasing revenues by \$55,692, decreasing appropriations by \$44,046 and increasing ending fund balance by \$99,738 as shown on the schedule on page 5 of 6 (of the Agenda Item). 3. Resolution No. 1, the FY 2025-26 Miscellaneous Special Revenue – Internal Funds - Final Budget Review, decreasing revenues by \$1,043,371, decreasing appropriations by \$1,653,397 and increasing ending fund balance by \$610,026 as shown on the schedule on page 6 of 6 (of the Agenda Item).
124,598	<u>E-25</u>	APPROVED	1. Resolution No. 3, FY 2025-26 Internal Service Fund Final Budget Review, increasing revenues, expenses and net position by \$1,710,580; and 2. the Summary of Revenues and Expenses (page 3 of the Agenda Item).

124,699	<u>E-26</u>	APPROVED	Resolution No. 1, the FY 2025-26 Fiduciary Fund - Pension Trust - Final Budget Review, increasing additions by \$1,126,990, increasing deductions by \$112,509 and increasing ending net position by \$1,014,481 as shown on the schedule on page 2 of 2 (of the Agenda Item).
124,600	<u>E-141</u>	AWARDED/ AUTHORIZED	1. INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-25-046-MJ – SCHOOL BUS ROUTES FOR PRIVATE BUS COMPANIES, to establish a contract at firm unit prices, for quantities, as may be required, of school bus routes for the Department of Transportation of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, during the term of the bid, commencing School Year 2026 through School Year 2029, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods thereto, as follows: NORTH REGION A. MARANATA SCHOOL BUS SERVICE CORP. 10045 NW 80TH AVENUE HIALEAH GARDENS, FL 33016 OFFICER: GLENN ATTRIDGE Item 1: 7 Routes @ \$512.60 per bus per day NORTHEAST REGION B. MARANATA SCHOOL BUS SERVICE CORP. 10045 NW 80TH AVENUE HIALEAH GARDENS, FL 33016 OFFICER: GLENN ATTRIDGE Item 1: 10 Routes @ \$512.60 per bus per day C. CARLOS & SUSANA SCHOOL BUS SERVICE, CORP. 7503 NW 7TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33126 OFFICER: HENRY BELTRAN Item 1: 5 Routes @ \$625.00 per bus per day CENTRAL WEST REGION D. AIR B SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION, INC. 7503 NW 7TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33126 OFFICER: BELTRAN HENRY Item 1: 1 Route @ \$520.00 per bus per day E. CARLOS & SUSANA SCHOOL BUS SERVICE, CORP. 7503 NW 7TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33126 OFFICER: HENRY BELTRAN Item 1: 7 Routes @ \$525.00 per bus per day SOUTHWEST REGION F. AIR B SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION, INC. 7503 NW 7TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33126 OFFICER: BELTRAN HENRY Item 1: 5 Routes @ \$450.00 per bus per day G. CARLOS & SUSANA SCHOOL BUS SERVICE, CORP. 7503 NW 7TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33126 OFFICER: HENRY BELTRAN Item 1: 5 Routes @ \$460.00 per bus per day SOUTH REGION H. AIR B SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION, INC. 7503 NW 7TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33126 OFFICER: BELTRAN HENRY Item 1: 5 Routes @ \$460.00 per bus per day I. CARLOS & SUSANA SCHOOL BUS SERVICE, CORP. 7503 NW 7TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33126 OFFICER: HENRY BELTRAN Item 1: 15 Routes @ \$465.00 per bus per day J. FRANMAR CORPORATION 19301 SW 108TH AVENUE MIAMI, FL 33157 OFFICER: JUDITH CRAWFORD Item 1: 5 Routes with a Bus Aide @ \$650.00 per bus per day

			2. the Superintendent to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$18,659,000 for the initial contract term and an amount not to exceed \$6,219,667 for each subsequent one (1) year extension period. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.
124,601	<u>E-142</u>	AWARDED/ AUTHORIZED	1. INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-25-047-MJ – TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS, to establish a contract, at firm fixed pricing, for the transportation of Miami-Dade County Public Schools’ students with special needs, the homeless, and foster care students, during the term of the bid, with an effective date of September 9, 2026 through September 8, 2028, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods thereto, as follows: A. HOPSKIPDRIVE, INC. 360 EAST 2ND STREET, SUITE 200 LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 OFFICER: JOANNA MCFARLAND Item 1a: Base Daily Rate: Transporting one (1) single student to/from school @ \$54 per day/vehicle Item 1b: Additional Student Surcharge: Each additional student on same vehicle @ \$0 per day/student Item 1c: Mileage Surcharge @ \$2.20 per mile Item 1d: Attendant/Aide on vehicle (non-medical) @ \$27 per hour Item 1e: Vehicle equipped for wheelchair transport @ \$55 per day/vehicle Item 1f: Fee for child safety or booster seat @ \$2 per day/unit B. RIDS BROTHER COMPANY INC 12279 SAWGRASS PRIARIE LOOP ORLANDO, FL 32824 OFFICER: BABITA SITAULA Item 1a: Base Daily Rate: Transporting one (1) single student to/from school @ \$60 per day/vehicle Item 1b: Additional Student Surcharge: Each additional student on same vehicle @ \$0 per day/student Item 1c: Mileage Surcharge @ \$2.50 per mile Item 1d: Attendant/Aide on vehicle (non-medical) @ \$30 per hour Item 1e: Vehicle equipped for wheelchair transport @ \$50 per day/vehicle Item 1f: Fee for child safety or booster seat @ \$3 per day/unit 2. the Superintendent to award the contract to provide transportation services for special needs students, for the initial contact term, and for each subsequent one (1) year extension period.
124,602	<u>E-143</u>	AWARDED/ AUTHORIZED	1. INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-25-031-MF - SECURITY CAMERA/VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS - FURNISH AND INSTALL, to establish a contract with pre-approved vendors to furnish and install equipment, materials and labor necessary to install turnkey security camera systems in M-DCPS schools and facilities, with an initial effective date of September 9, 2026 through September 8, 2029, and may, by

mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods thereto, as follows:

(Please see Agenda Item for the full list)

- 2. the Superintendent to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$18,000,000 for the initial contract term and an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 for each subsequent one (1) year extension period. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

124,603	<u>E-201</u>	AUTHORIZED	The Superintendent to: 1. accept seven grant awards and two donations from: a. Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) – Florida High School for Accelerated Learning-Miami: Kendall Greens High School & Green Springs High School, in the approximate amount of \$500,000, for the grant period of August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027; b. Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities at the University of Central Florida for funding under the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program (FPCTP) Initial Grant, in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000, for the grant period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029; c. Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B, in the approximate amount of \$86,505,314, for the grant period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027; d. Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B, Preschool, in the approximate amount of \$1,655,765, for the grant period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027; e. Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System Associate Center (FDLRS), in the approximate amount of \$1,524,651, for the grant period of
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- July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027;
- f. United States Department of Justice for funding under the Youth Empowerment Safety (YES) Initiative, in the approximate amount of \$1,039,000, for the grant period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2030;
 - g. Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under ZeroEyes Artificial Intelligence (AI) Firearm Detection – Miami-Dade, in the approximate amount of \$1,000,000, for the grant period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027;
 - h. Miami-Dade County Public Schools Foundation for funding under the Personalized Learning Initiative, in the approximate amount of \$1,900,000, for the grant period of September 14, 2026, through September 13, 2027; and
 - i. Save the Music Foundation, Inc., for in-kind equipment under Grants for Music Education, valued in the approximate amount of \$193,937, for the period of August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
2. enter into contractual service agreements with the agencies prescribed in the grant, with whom the School Board must contract, pursuant to Board Policy 6320 – Purchase Approval and Competitive; Bidding Process Requirements:
- a. Best Buddies, in the approximate amount of \$70,000, in support of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), Part B grant program;
 - b. Signtalk, in the approximate amount of \$1,000,000, in support of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B grant program;
 - c. NIR Interpreter Services, in the approximate amount of \$200,000, in support of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B grant program;
 - d. The School Board of Monroe County, Florida, in the approximate amount of \$245,299, in support of the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System Associate Centers (FDLRS);
 - e. One on One Learning, in the approximate amount of

			\$1,609,500, in support of Personalized Learning Initiative; and f. Pearl Education, in the approximate amount of \$56,000, in support of Personalized Learning Initiative. 3. extend these programs and contractual agreements and authorize the acceptance of additional funding as provided by official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; 4. retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE; 5. direct Financial Services to establish appropriations in the amount approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board; 6. authorize travel out-of-state as required by the grant parameters; and 7. eliminate any grant-funded position upon cessation of the grant funds, and place the impacted employee(s) on the Personnel Action Listing of Instructional and Non-Instructional Appointments, Reassignments, Leaves and Separations for the relevant period.
124,604	<u>F-1</u>	AUTHORIZED	The Superintendent to: 1) execute a Joint Use Agreement between the School Board and the City of Coral Gables for use by the Board of Phillips Park, located at 90 Menores Avenue, Coral Gables, and for use by the City of the parking lot at Coral Gables Preparatory Academy, located at 39 Zamora Avenue, Coral Gables, substantially in conformance with the terms and conditions set forth in the agenda item; 2) grant or deny any and all approvals required under the Joint Use Agreement, including, but not limited to, dealing with construction, modifications to the areas or periods of use, special events, as well as routine operational issues; and 3) execute amendments to the Joint Use Agreement within the authority granted him by the Board in the Agreement, and to grant or deny any approvals required under the Agreement, including placing the City in default, and renewing, extending, canceling or terminating the Agreement.
124,605	<u>F-40</u>	APPROVED	B-1. Change Order Number 1 on Project Number 01619500, General Obligation Bond funded renovation project, Palm Springs Middle School for an additional cost of \$409,434.00.
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124,606	<u>G-2</u>	AMENDED	School Board Policy 2431, Interscholastic Activities and Athletics, and authorize the Superintendent to file the policy with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be effective September 9, 2026.
124,607	<u>G-3</u>	AUTHORIZED	the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Policies 7540.02, Digital Applications and Services, and 7540.04, Staff Responsible use of Technology, Social Media, and District Network Systems.
124,608	<u>G-4</u>	AUTHORIZED	the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Bylaw 0173, District Strategic Plan.
124,609	<u>G-5</u>	AUTHORIZED	the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Policies 6320, Purchasing, and 6332, Professional Services Contracts for Insurance or Risk Management Programs.
124,610	<u>G-6</u>	AUTHORIZED	the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend Policy 8660, Alternative Transportation Methods.
124,611	<u>G-7</u>	AUTHORIZED	the Office of the General Counsel to provide or secure legal representation for the legal defense of the School Board employees who are individually-named as Defendants in the cases of Direct General Insurance as Subrogee of Allan Vivas Rivera v. School Board of Miami Dade County and Xavier Eduardo Perez, County Court Case No. 2026-094620-CC-23, and Aimee Diaz v. School Board of Miami-Dade County and Luis E. Suarez Alvarez, Circuit Court Case No. 2026-12567.
124,612	<u>H-1</u>	RECOGNIZED/ SUPPORTED*	September 2026 as National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Membership Month. *Amended to include Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, <u>Mr. Roberto J. Alonso</u>, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and <u>Mr. Joseph S. Geller</u>, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.
124,613	<u>H-2</u>	DIRECTED*	The Superintendent of Schools to: 1. conduct a comprehensive review of the essential components of high-quality middle grades instruction, including current practices and systems that support middle grades teaching and learning, the implementation of state academic standards, the adoption and effective use of high-quality instructional materials, professional learning and ongoing support for educators, evidence-based classroom instructional practices, the strategic use of assessment data to inform and strengthen instruction, pre-service preparation and professional

development for middle grades teachers, and program delivery models to improve student achievement and academic outcomes;

2. identify the District's current strengths, instructional and programmatic gaps, and opportunities for improvement, and recommend evidence-based strategies, measurable outcomes, implementation timelines, and projected budget enhancements, as appropriate, to strengthen middle grades instruction and accelerate student achievement across the District;
3. develop findings and recommendations that establish a strategic framework for strengthening the District's middle grades instructional program, with a focus on ensuring that every student has equitable access to rigorous, engaging, high-quality learning experiences that address identified learning gaps, promote sustained academic growth, and prepare students for a successful transition to high school, postsecondary education, and future college and career opportunities; and
4. present the comprehensive report, including findings, recommendations, implementation strategies, timelines, and resource considerations, to the School Board at the Academics, Innovation, Evaluation & Technology Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2026.

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

124,614	<u>H-3</u>	ENDORSED/ CELEBRATED*	Friday, October 2, 2026, as National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. *Amended to include Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, <u>Mr. Roberto J. Alonso</u>, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.
124,615	<u>H-4</u>	ENDORSED*	"Ethical Governance Day 2026" to take place on October 22, 2026, in Miami-Dade County Public Schools sponsored by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust. *Amended to include Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, <u>Mr. Roberto J. Alonso</u>, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.
124,616	<u>H-5</u>	ENDORSED*	the celebration of the fourteenth anniversary of Fathers in Education Day, Thursday, September 17, 2026; and Fathers in Action and Advocacy Week, September 14 through September 18, 2026. *Amended to include Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, <u>Mr. Roberto J. Alonso</u>, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.
124,617	<u>H-6</u>	DIRECTED*	The Superintendent of Schools to:

1. Review federal statutory and regulatory requirements within programs eligible for Ed-Flex and identify requirements that may limit the District’s ability to improve student outcomes, effectively allocate resources, support educators, expand educational opportunities, advance career and technical education, or implement innovative practices;
2. Evaluate whether flexibility from any identified requirement could provide a measurable educational or operational benefit while continuing to accomplish the underlying purposes of the affected federal program and maintaining all applicable student, parent, civil rights, accountability, and fiscal protections;
3. Identify opportunities, if any, where Ed-Flex authority could support District strategic priorities or the needs of individual schools, subsets of schools, student populations, educational programs, workforce initiatives, or school transformation efforts;
4. Review relevant Ed-Flex waivers implemented by local educational agencies in other Ed-Flex states, including available information regarding their purposes, implementation, measurable goals, and reported outcomes;
5. Assess any fiscal, legal, operational, stakeholder engagement, accountability, or data requirements that would need to be addressed before M-DCPS seeks a specific Ed-Flex waiver; and
6. Provide the Board with findings and recommendations identifying any Ed-Flex opportunities that warrant further consideration or development, without committing the District to submission of a waiver application absent subsequent appropriate action, by the December 9, 2026, Fiscal Accountability and Government Relations 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, Ms. Mary Blanco, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.

124,618	<u>H-7</u>	ENDORSED*	October 2026 as College Application Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
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124,619	<u>H-8</u>	ENDORSED*	the month of October 2026 in Miami-Dade County Public Schools as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
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124,620	<u>H-9</u>	ENDORSED*	October as National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month and encourage the inclusion of year round bullying prevention practices for students, parents and District employees in order to raise awareness and educate about the importance of reporting any form of bullying in our schools. *Amended to include Ms. Maria Teresa “Mari Tere” Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, <u>Mr. Roberto J. Alonso</u>, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and <u>Mr. Joseph S. Geller</u>, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.
124,621	<u>H-10</u>	ENDORSED*	the month of October 2026 in Miami-Dade County Public Schools as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. *Amended to include Ms. Maria Teresa “Mari Tere” Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Ms. Mary Blanco, <u>Mr. Daniel Espino</u>, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.
124,622	<u>H-11</u>	COMMEMORATED*	October 7, 2026, as a day of remembrance of the October 7, 2023, attacks on the State of Israel, honor the memory of the victims and those impacted by the attacks, and direct the Superintendent to inform all schools and District staff of this commemoration and encourage appropriate educational opportunities that promote remembrance, tolerance, mutual respect, and the rejection of antisemitism, terrorism, hatred, and violence, in accordance with applicable School Board policies and State and Federal law. *Amended to include Ms. Maria Teresa “Mari Tere” Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, <u>Mr. Roberto J. Alonso</u>, <u>Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall</u>, Ms. Mary Blanco, and <u>Mr. Joseph S. Geller</u>, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.
126,623	<u>H-12</u>	DIRECTED*	The Superintendent to: 1. Provide an update on initiatives and progress aligned to the “R.O.A.D. Transportation Policy Framework,” including but not limited to: a. An operational review of updated routing efficiency, including but not limited to analysis of average bus occupancy, total students transported, on-time performance, and corrective action plans to address any new operational issues; b. An updated workforce assessment that evaluates opportunities to fill vacancies and improves retention for all transportation department employees (including but not limited to school bus drivers, school bus aides, dispatchers, trainers, mechanics, etc.); c. A review of the district’s current transportation fleet and infrastructure, including an update on cost-savings efforts, fleet modernization (including multimodal vehicles), and vehicle lifecycle planning;

- d. A review of emissions output, cost-per-student per-mile, and existing partnerships with municipalities or public transit providers, as well as opportunities to expand partnerships;
 - e. A communications and engagement review that catalogs how families, schools, and drivers receive transportation updates, request support, or submit feedback;
 - f. An assessment of district capacity to build and maintain an internal interactive dashboard that reports operational metrics (on-time performance, missed routes, driver vacancies), equity indicators (ridership by student subgroup), and efficiency benchmarks (fuel usage, fleet composition); and
2. Present all updates, findings, and recommendations at the Fiscal Accountability and Government Relations Committee meeting on January 6, 2027.

*Amended to include Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Member, as co-sponsors of this item.

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DIRECTED*

The Superintendent to:

- 1. Provide a comprehensive update on initiatives and progress aligned to the transition to the Focus Student Information System (SIS), including but not limited to:
 - a. A summary of the diagnostic findings and stakeholder feedback from implementation activities conducted to date, including testing and any subsequent deployment sessions;
 - b. A detailed implementation timeline identifying completed milestones, current activities, upcoming phases, and key deliverables for the full deployment of the Focus Student Information System;
 - c. An overview of the rollout strategy, including modules planned for deployment, implementation phases, school and department readiness, training activities, risk mitigation efforts, and contingency planning;
 - d. A layman's terms summary of benefits and operational efficiencies that will be realized by the District, regions, local schools, staff, teachers, students, and families of system transition;

2. Provide the anticipated end dates for the full deployment of the Focus Student Information System (SIS); and
3. Provide an update to the Board at the Academics, Innovation, Evaluation and Technology Committee Meeting of November 10, 2026.

*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, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.

124,625	<u>H-14</u>	GOOD CAUSE*	The Superintendent to: 1. explore the feasibility of developing a Districtwide “Choose Peace. Choose Your Future.” Student Conflict Prevention, Intervention, and Peer Leadership Initiative, building upon the foundation established by Board Agenda Item H-11 proffered by School Board Member Dr. Dorothy BendrossMindingall; 2. explore the feasibility of establishing age-appropriate student instruction and resources addressing conflict recognition, emotional regulation, deescalation, safe disengagement, help-seeking, bullying, peer pressure, social-media conflict, and bystander responsibility; 3. explore the feasibility of developing a “One Trusted Adult” strategy and evaluate the feasibility of supervised Student Reset and Resolution Spaces at schools; 4. explore the feasibility of developing professional development for appropriate District personnel focused on conflict prevention, de-escalation, early intervention, and appropriate referral; 5. explore the feasibility of developing a student peer-leadership component, parent/community engagement strategy, and Student Conflict Response Toolkit; 6. identify any recurring student-conflict patterns and opportunities for early intervention through available school and District data; 7. identify any existing District resources, community partnerships, grants, and other potential funding sources to support implementation; 8. if the initiative is deemed feasible, establish measurable outcomes and baseline data to evaluate the effectiveness of the initiative; and 9. if the initiative is deemed feasible, provide the School Board with a comprehensive implementation plan, including recommendations, timeline, pilot opportunities, and performance measures at the December 9, 2026, Academics, Innovation, Evaluation & Technology Committee Meeting.
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