

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

Co-Sponsors: Ms. Susie Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: BODY-WORN CAMERAS**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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Police officials whose departments use body-worn cameras have indicated that there is an overall perception that cameras offer a beneficial tool for law enforcement. For these organizations and departments, the perceived benefits that body-worn cameras offer capturing a video recording of critical incidents and encounters with the public, strengthen police accountability, and provide a valuable new type of evidence.

While mounted in-dash police cameras cannot pick up on completely everything an officer sees, the video acquired from body-worn cameras can help deliver a much clearer depiction of what happened in an incident. The use of body-worn cameras can make the police departments more open and transparent to the public and resolve questions following an encounter between officers, students, and the general public.

There are a number of legal matters that need to be studied and considered, and additional issues including legal issues, privacy rights, funding, data storage, retention, and disclosure, among others that must be considered. Also, input from our labor organizations along with the Chief of Police will provide valuable insights into this new technological tool.

This item seeks to authorize the Superintendent to conduct a feasibility study for the implementation of body-worn cameras for our Miami-Dade Schools Police Department (M-DSPD).

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to conduct a feasibility study to consider the:

1. implementation of police body-worn cameras for M-DSPD; and
2. exploration of implementing a pilot program for the 2017-2018 school year, providing a report by the May 24, 2017 School Board Meeting.

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