

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGIONAL CENTERS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is the fourth largest school district in the nation educating a diverse student population of approximately 356,000 students. Over 33,000 full-time employees serve our educational community in 465 schools/centers (inclusive of charter schools) and over 64,000 students are enrolled in our magnet programs. Close to 71% of the students are on free or reduced price lunch. Miami-Dade County encompasses more than 2,000 square miles, larger than the states of Rhode Island and Delaware and the estimated County population in 2015 was over 2, 693,117.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools is currently a decentralized District comprised of three (3) Regional Centers, each of which is headed by a Region Superintendent. Administrative staff includes Region Directors who report to each Region Superintendent. Prior to this organizational structure, the regions have experienced changes throughout the years mainly due to modifications in the school district's priorities, finances, and the overall instructional impact on students. At times, there were six area offices, then four area offices, six region offices, four regional offices and a separate "region" for the Educational Transformation Office (ETO).

As Miami-Dade County continues to grow, it is imperative for this District to analyze and review the current structure of the regional centers to determine if it may be necessary to expand the concept to four, five, or even six regional centers. There may be other organizational and operational options to be considered, but the clear impact that the regions have on students, parents, staff, the teaching and learning process, and the communities they serve cannot be underestimated. It is clear that any expansion or restructuring will have a financial impact that must be considered and prioritized.

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

ACTION PROPOSED BY MARIA TERESA ROJAS:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to review, analyze, and present to the Board any restructuring, organizational, operational and financial options, as may be needed, for the District's Regional Centers and report back to the School Board by May 24, 2017. } R e v i s e d