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**SUBJECT:                   MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)  
                                  HURRICANE FLORENCE AND HURRICANE MICHAEL RELIEF  
                                  EFFORTS**

**COMMITTEE:               FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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Hurricane Florence made landfall near Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, Friday, September 14, 2018, and continued moving west for days causing power failures for more than a million customers, flooding that cut off entire towns, and massive evacuations throughout the impacted areas. The effects of the storm will be difficult to measure as the physical, financial, and mental health of those affected will linger for months. The storm is responsible for at least 37 deaths, in three states - North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. The number may continue to rise. Additionally, Hurricane Michael is expected to make landfall today along Florida's northeastern Gulf Coast as a Category 4 storm with catastrophic storm surge and projected destructive winds near the landfall in the Florida Panhandle. It is expected that this hurricane will be the strongest hurricane to ever come ashore along the Florida Panhandle in records dating to 1851.

Throughout the years, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has had to deal with the devastating impact of hurricanes to our schools and the students we serve. At the same time, this school district has been very responsive in providing relief and humanitarian aid to other parts of the country impacted by natural disasters. Last, year, at the Board meeting of September 6, 2017, Board Member Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, proffered agenda item H-15 which authorized the Superintendent to provide assistance to school districts affected by Hurricane Harvey. At the October 11, 2017, Board meeting, agenda item H-18 was brought to the Board by the maker of this item addressing the need to provide any assistance deemed appropriate to the commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U. S. Virgin Islands after the impact of Hurricane Maria. It is in that same spirit that this item seeks for Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide any support and/or humanitarian aid to those school districts affected by Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael.

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 of Schools to provide any assistance and/or humanitarian aid, as deemed appropriate, to those school districts affected by Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael.

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