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Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of January 17, 2018

December 21, 2017

Office of School Board Attorney
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SUBJECT: INITIAL READING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES 0158, *ETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE*; 6460, *BUSINESS CODE OF ETHICS*; AND 8150, *LOBBYISTS*

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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Pursuant to School Board Policy 0158, *Ethics Advisory Committee* ("EAC"), which authorizes the EAC "to review, interpret, render advisory opinions, and make recommendations to the Board," throughout the course of the past year, the EAC reviewed several Board Policies related to the mission of the EAC in order to ascertain whether they should be updated and revised. Mr. Frank Silva, Chair of the EAC, has transmitted to the Superintendent—on behalf of the EAC—proposed recommended revisions to School Board Policies 0158, *Ethics Advisory Committee*, 6460, *Business Code of Ethics*, and 8150, *Lobbyists*, for the Superintendent's consideration. The Superintendent concurs with and supports the EAC's proposed amendments to the enumerated polices.

The following is a brief summary of the proposed amendments:

The EAC recommends that Policy 0158, *Ethics Advisory Committee*, be amended to increase the membership on the EAC by adding representatives from Miami-Dade College and Florida Memorial University. New members to the EAC are appointed on a staggered and rotating basis among the appointing entities. It is also requested that the policy be amended to allow the terms of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the EAC be extended beyond the current two year term by majority vote of the members. This will be the first time, since the inception of the EAC, that the membership is being expanded.

The recommend revisions of Policy 6460, *Business Code of Ethics*, would require entities subject to the policy to also comply with Policy 6325, *Cone of Silence*.

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Lastly, an amendment to Policy 8150, *Lobbyists*, is being recommended to provide that, consistent with the current policy, investigations finding a substantiated violation of the Policy be referred to the EAC for review and for the recommendation of an appropriate penalty.

Attached is the Notice of Intended Action and the proposed policy amendments. Changes are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend Policies 0158, *Ethics Advisory Committee*, 6460, *Business Code of Ethics*, and 8150, *Lobbyists*.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend Policies 0158, *Ethics Advisory Committee*, 6460, *Business Code of Ethics*, and 8150, *Lobbyists*.

