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COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

At the July 15, 2020 Miami-Dade County School Board meeting, the School Board approved Item H-7, proffered by Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, which endorsed the 2020 International “Walk to School Day” and implemented the “WalkSafe” pedestrian safety program curriculum during the International “Walk Our Children to School Day” on October 7, 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and needed safety measures, parents and guardians would be educated further on ways to participate in the free SBP regardless of whether students are at a school site or at home. The importance of eating breakfast can still be promoted and encouraged on “Walk Our Children to School Day,” where students who are on a virtual platform learn more about our grab n’ go meals available, while those who attend a brick and mortar site are able to include breakfast as part of their school day.

Revised H-7

For the 2020-2021 school year, the USDA has extended flexibilities through June 30, 2021 for the SBP and National School Lunch Program to adjust meal pattern requirements, allow meal service outside of group settings and standard times; and allow parent/guardian pick-up of meals.

The Miami-Dade County Public School's Breakfast Program was enacted to ensure that school children are being served a nutritious breakfast daily. The meal provides one-fourth the Recommended Dietary Allowances for school age children over a week period and complies with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Studies conclude that students who have school breakfast eat more fruit, drink more milk and consume less saturated fat than those who don't eat school breakfast. In addition, national studies indicate that students who eat school breakfast have improved math grades and reading scores, increased attention, reduced absence and tardy rates, and improved psycho-social behavior.

school day. Federal meal reimbursements received fund the Universal Free Breakfast Program for students, and the charge for adults and non-students cover costs that are not reimbursed or subsidized by the government.

Costs and flexibilities associated with school meal services have been a priority in District advocacy, and the District will continue to pursue fiscal relief related to fixed overhead for school meal staffing in light of pre-crisis reimbursement limitations.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney for legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to provide information to students and parents regarding the School Breakfast Program on October 7, 2020 in conjunction with the International "Walk Our Children to School Day." Including all the options available to participate in the M-DCPS breakfast program during the COVID Pandemic.