

Dr. Marta Pérez, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: GREATER TRANSPARENCY IN RANDOM SELECTION  
PROCESS IN CHOICE PROGRAMS AND SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY**

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Every year parents express their frustration and confusion and complain about the lack of information they receive regarding the random selection process utilized by the school district for student enrollment. These complaints become more pronounced when they involve parents of students that are not admitted to a magnet school of their choice or to a specific non-magnet school choice program being offered by our school district. The same complaints are leveled against charter schools and their random selection process. Typically the public's frustration over the perceived lack of information degrades into questioning the integrity of the process.

This item seeks the Board's consideration to direct the Superintendent to conduct a review of the random selection process and to provide recommendations, if any, on how best to improve the overall transparency of the process within district schools, and within the limits of the School Board's authority, in charter schools. By attempting to increase the transparency in the random selection process, this item also seeks to increase the public's confidence in the process employed by all schools within our school district, including charter schools, and to reassure the public that these processes are effective, transparent, and fair.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to conduct a review of the random selection process employed by both the school district, and within the limits of School Board authority, in charter schools, and to provide the Board with recommendations, if any, on how to improve the overall transparency of these processes.