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SCHOOLS

and other entertainment venues.

Gov. Ron DeSantis on Friday announced the state's transition to Phase 3 and overruled all local rules and fines enacted by locally elected governments for protections put in place for the coronavirus pandemic. Local governments can have local rules with justification.

School Board chair Perla Tabares Hantman said she believed Corcoran's letter was connected to the governor's Phase 3 announcement.

"It's just very strange to me and I think it took everyone by surprise," Hantman said. "I'm very much in favor of opening schools but when it's safe."

Spokeswoman Daisy Gonzalez-Diego wrote in an emailed statement that the district is carefully reviewing Corcoran's letter. She said a special School Board meeting is being planned for early next week, likely Tuesday. The school district must set and advertise the meeting 48 hours in advance. Monday is also Yom Kippur.

"The District was prepared to launch Phase II of our reopening plan, under the adjusted timeline proffered and unanimously approved by the School Board last week," Gonzalez-Diego wrote. However, M-DCPS will not be announcing return dates until all implications and concerns outlined in the recently received communication have been assessed and direction from the Board has been received."

The School Board unanimously voted to delay the district's timeline of reopening schools to ensure schools and its workforce were prepared and safe.

In a statement, a Miami-Dade school district spokeswoman wrote Friday that Miami-Dade is waiting for guidance from the state as schools are not addressed in the state's "Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step Plan

for Recovery." In that plan, education is listed as "ongoing considerations."

Corcoran wrote that the district's plan goes against the state's emergency order to provide face-to-face instruction five days a week to parents who preferred that for their children. South Florida school districts like Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach were allowed to begin their school year virtually.

Corcoran said Miami-Dade's delay is extremely difficult for students with special needs and students experiencing violence, abuse and food insecurity in their homes who may also suffer from achievement gaps.

At the Sept. 11 press conference announcing South Florida's entry into Phase II, DeSantis only praised Miami-Dade County Public Schools when asked about its disastrous debut of virtual school. Just days before, dozens of teachers and parents of special needs students spoke for hours during the School Board's public comment hearing that they struggled with the school district's platform made by K12, a for-profit technology company.

Yet DeSantis made his case in July for opening schools because students, including those with disabilities, could fall behind.

Corcoran said if the Miami-Dade school district determined some schools must stay closed, then it needs to submit an amended plan proving the following criteria for each school seeking an exemption by Friday:

The student capacity; the number of students requesting in-person instruction; the number of students who can receive in-person instruction at that school, including the layout of the school's facilities and specific determinations of classroom capacities; the number of



Gov. Ron DeSantis on Sept. 11 announces Miami-Dade and Broward would move to Phase 2. DeSantis was accompanied by Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nuñez, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez, left, and Miami-Dade Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho, right.

students unable to be offered in-person instruction; an explanation of how the district is ensuring priority for in-person instruction of the most vulnerable students; a total explanation of why a school cannot open at all.

The letter encourages school districts to work with employees to determine who are "willing and able to provide in-person instruction on day one" as well as which teachers are best suited to support students learning remotely.

"Again, this is not a district-wide decision, but rather a school-by-school, grade-by-grade and classroom-by-classroom analysis," Corcoran wrote.

Corcoran's letter says Miami-Dade's delayed reopening "far exceeds" the time needed by Palm Beach County to reopen schools. Palm Beach schools reopened Monday with two-thirds of students and one out of 12 teachers staying home. The Sun Sentinel reported that three students and four teachers were confirmed with COVID-19 in first week of school in Palm Beach. There is no indication of any outbreaks as all seven cases are at different schools.

The letter makes no mention of Broward County, which will vote Oct. 6 whether to open schools also on Oct. 14. Hantman said she heard the school

boards of Broward and Hillsborough counties also received similar letters. The Miami Herald reached out to Broward Schools but had not received a response Saturday evening.

Corcoran's letter concluded by sternly laying out three options: Miami-Dade could follow its approved plan, submit an amended plan for approval or withdraw its current plan and "proceed under the existing statutory framework."

Back in July, 51% of parents declared that they wanted to keep their chil-

dren at home for online learning. That figure has shifted, as Carvalho recently said that 51% of students wished to return to the schoolhouse.

According to a July memo sent to the board, 51% of English language learners, 54% of students with disabilities and 54% of students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch opted for online learning.

At the last School Board meeting, Carvalho warned that the School Board's delayed timeline to open schools could become an issue with the state. Vice Chair Steve Gallon pointed out that K12 was also a part of that submitted plan but is no longer used to educate Miami-Dade students without any objection from the state. The School Board previously voted unanimously to sever all ties with K12.

The Miami Herald has requested a school-by-school breakdown of students requesting in-person learning versus online education.

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MIAMI BEACH

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WEST AVENUE BAY FRONT OVERLAY - REMOVAL OF SUITE HOTELS OCTOBER 14, 2020 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The October 14, 2020 City of Miami Beach Commission Meeting will be held in the Commission Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida. Members of the public wanting to participate virtually may do so via video conferencing. To participate or provide comments virtually, the public may join the City Commission Meeting at: <https://miami-beach-fl.gov.zoom.us/j/87066995212> or via telephone at: 1.929.205.6099 (US) or 888.475.4499 (Toll Free). The Webinar ID is: 87066995212. Members of the public wanting to virtually speak on an item during the City Commission Meeting, must click the "raise hand" icon if using the Zoom app or press "9" on the telephone to raise their hand.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Second Reading/Public Hearing will be heard by the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, on October 14, 2020 at the time shown, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard:

5:00 p.m. Second Reading Public Hearing

WEST AVENUE BAY FRONT OVERLAY - REMOVAL OF SUITE HOTELS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, SUBPART B, ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS," BY AMENDING CHAPTER 142, ENTITLED "ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS," ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "OVERLAY DISTRICTS," DIVISION 5, ENTITLED "WEST AVENUE BAY FRONT OVERLAY," TO REMOVE SUITE HOTEL AND SUITE HOTEL UNITS AS ALLOWABLE USES IN THE WEST AVENUE BAY FRONT OVERLAY; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance is being heard pursuant to Section 118-164 of the City's Land Development Code. Inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department at 305.673.7550.

INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to take part in this meeting or be represented by an agent. The public may submit written comments by sending an email to: CityClerk@miamibeachfl.gov by 5:00 p.m. the day before the City Commission Meeting. Please identify the Agenda Item Number in the email subject line. Emails received will be forwarded to the Mayor and City Commissioners and will be included as a part of the meeting record.

Copies of Agenda items are available for public inspection at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/cityhall/cityclerk/agenda-archive-main-page-2/>. This meeting, or any item therein, may be continued, and under such circumstances, additional legal notice need not be provided.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Fla. Stat., the City hereby advises the public that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at its meeting or its hearing, such person must ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for the introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law.

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk
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CITY OF MIAMI BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RESIDENTIAL PERFORMANCE STANDARD (RPS-4) REGULATIONS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT ESTABLISHMENT (NIE) OCTOBER 14, 2020 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

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2:55 a.m. Second Reading Public Hearing

RPS-4 ACCESSORY USE AMENDMENTS FOR NIE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, SUBPART B, ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS," BY AMENDING CHAPTER 142 OF THE CITY CODE ENTITLED "ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS," ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "DISTRICT REGULATIONS," DIVISION 18, ENTITLED "PS PERFORMANCE STANDARD DISTRICT," BY AMENDING SECTION 142-693, ENTITLED "PERMITTED USES," TO PERMIT NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT ESTABLISHMENTS AS A CONDITIONAL USE WHEN SUCH USE IS AN ACCESSORY TO OCCUPANCY OF APARTMENT BUILDINGS WITH 300 UNITS MORE, AND TO FURTHER PERMIT SUCH NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT ESTABLISHMENTS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AS A CONDITIONAL USE TO OPERATE OPEN AREAS ABOVE THE GROUND FLOOR WITH A MAXIMUM PATRON-OCCUPANT LOAD OF 250 PERSONS, SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC USE LIMITATIONS INTENDED TO PREVENT IMPACTS ON NEIGHBORING RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES, AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance is being heard pursuant to Section 118-164 of the City's Land Development Code. Inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department at 305.673.7550.

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