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NO. LTC # **038-2021**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Raul J. Aguila, Interim City Manager

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Raul Aguila

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DATE: January 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Committee for Quality Education Motions

The Committee for Quality Education would like you to be aware of the following motions regarding standardized testing, COVID vaccination prioritization and school marketing, approved at the January 26, 2021 committee meeting.

C: Executive Staff

Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Learning Development Officer

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City of Miami Beach
Committee for Quality Education

Meeting of January 26, 2021

Members Present: Mary Keinath, Joshua Levy, Elisheva Rogoff, Judith Berson-Levinson, Tiffany Heckler, Karen Edelstein, Rachel Weissman, Beverly Heller, Ivan Alvarez, Yvette Tache, Karen Latham, Jordan Leonard and Lauren Cantor

Members Absent: Jamie Adams

Motion 1

Made by Beverly Heller

Second by Rachel Weissman

The Committee for Quality Education urges the Mayor and City Commission to request Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Florida Department of Education waive student standardized testing for the 2020-21 school year and not require make-up testing for the following reasons:

- Keeps students learning through May
- COVID safety issues
- Displacement of teachers
- Curriculum continuity
- Loss of learning due to extended testing period

The Committee for Quality Education urges the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 12-1 (T. Heckler)

Motion 2

Made by Beverly Heller

Second by Judith Berson-Levinson

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Mayor and City Commission support Miami-Dade County Public Schools' initiative to prioritize teachers and school personnel and categorize them as essential workers so they receive the COVID vaccination immediately.

The Committee for Quality Education urges the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 13-0

Motion 3

Made by Beverly Heller

Second by Rachel Weissman

The Committee for Quality Education urges the Mayor and City Commission to market the attributes of the public schools in Miami Beach with a focus on City funded enhancements and develop virtual school tours.

The Committee for Quality Education urges the Mayor and Commission to support the above

request.

Motion Passage: Votes 13-0