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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida School District Superintendents

FROM: Commissioner Richard Corcoran

DATE: September 5, 2019

SUBJECT: **Information Regarding Hurricane Dorian Waivers**

As a result of the devastating effects of Hurricane Dorian, many people have evacuated from the Bahamas and elsewhere to Florida including students who wish to attend public school while they are temporarily residing in Florida. Many evacuees lack the required records to enroll in Florida public schools either because such records were left behind in haste or destroyed. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 19-189, Section 4B., section 252.46, Florida Statutes, as amended by Executive Order 19-190, and as directed by and in coordination with the Executive Office of the Governor, I waive the following statutes and rules to allow school districts to enroll students displaced by Hurricane Dorian without the necessary and customary documentation:

- Rules 6A-1.0985 and 6A-1.09941, Florida Administrative Code, to the extent necessary to allow Florida public school districts to admit such students where such records are unavailable to the parent or guardian of the student.
- Section 1003.21, Florida Statutes, to the extent it requires proof of age for attendance eligibility where such records are unavailable to the parent or guardian of the student.
- Section 1003.22, Florida Statutes, requiring presentation of a certification of a school-entry health examination where such records are unavailable to the parent or guardian of the student. Such statute shall be waived for initial enrollment of students.

This waiver shall remain in effect until the expiration of Executive Order 19-189 and any extensions or amendments thereof; or until further determination by the Department of Education.

Entered in Tallahassee, Florida, this 5th day of September, 2019.

Richard Corcoran,
Commissioner of Education