

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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TO: School Board Members

FROM: Phillip H. Dunn II
Chief Information Officer

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VIA: Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent of Schools



SUBJECT: COVID-19 EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT FOR SPRINT HOTSPOTS/PHONES

Pursuant to Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Rule 6A-1.012(13)(e), and Part II, P, of Purchasing Policy 3320, this memorandum serves as written determination that emergency procurements are necessary to address the recent coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The Governor declared a State of Emergency for Florida on March 9, 2020, and Broward County declared one subsequent to the order. I hereby recognize and declare a state of emergency necessary to address an immediate danger –lack of resources needed for students to continue their distance learning.

In an effort to enable and sustain “Distance Learning” during the COVID-19 crisis, the District is required to provide technology services to our school population and may need to source items relative to the Information and Technology commodities that includes Internet connectivity devices such as Wi-Fi hotspots and cellular phones with hotspot capabilities in an effort to effectively connect our students to the Internet during the mandated “Distance Learning” period. Cellular phone service is provided under our existing [Sprint 1M Foundation Agreement](#) for the remaining 2 years of this agreement. We plan to acquire 800 - 1,000 ten gigabyte data wireless cell phones with hotspot capability from Sprint based on a quote received from the Sprint 1M Foundation for \$70 per device. The competitive solicitation for this need may be waived, as allowed, during the declared State of Emergency by the Governor. All purchases will be processed through a purchase order and in compliance with the Procurement & Warehousing Services Department Policy 3320.

If you have any questions or need additional information, **please contact Director Ms. Mary C. Coker, Procurement & Warehousing Services at 754-321-0501.**

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cc: Senior Leadership Team