

Rudolph F. Crew, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-21 URGING CONGRESSMAN RON KLEIN, CONGRESSMAN ALCEE HASTINGS, CONGRESSWOMAN ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, CONGRESSMAN KENDRICK MEEK, CONGRESSMAN LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART, CONGRESSMAN MARIO DIAZ-BALART, AND CONGRESSWOMAN DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ TO FULLY SUPPORT THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2007, H.R. 648 BY BECOMING A CO-SPONSOR OF THE BILL**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

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**STRATEGIC PLAN: ESTABLISH GREATER ALLIANCES WITH LEGISLATIVE BODIES**

In the 110th Congress, Congressman Don Young (R-AK) re-introduced legislation, the No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 648, to strengthen accountability for improving the academic performance of children enrolled in the nation's public schools. Building on the major reforms of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), H.R. 648 offers improvements that address many of the unintended consequences of the federal legislation while holding states and school districts accountable. The bill fully tracks the draft legislation prepared and supported by the National School Boards Association (NSBA) on behalf of their membership. The NSBA is working with Congressman Young to secure co-sponsors for this important bill and have requested that their membership express support for H.R. 648 by adopting local resolutions encouraging their locally elected U.S. Representatives to become co-sponsors of this important legislation.

The No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 648 contains more than forty provisions that focus on five areas: Assessments, Measuring Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), Sanctions, State Flexibility by the U.S. Department of Education and Non-Public Schools. The No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 648 bill would:

- increase the flexibility for states to use additional types of assessments for measuring AYP—including growth models;
- grant states more flexibility in assessing students with disabilities and students not proficient in English for AYP purposes;
- create a student testing participation range, providing flexibility for uncontrollable variations in student attendance;

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- allow schools to target resources to those student populations who need the most attention by applying sanctions only when the same student group fails to make AYP in the same subject for two consecutive years;
- ensure that students are counted properly in assessment and reporting systems;
- allow supplemental services to be offered in the first year of "improvement";
- strengthen federal responsibility for funding; and
- require NCLB testing and reporting for non-public schools for students receiving Title I services.

**Recommended:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-21 urging Congressman Ron Klein, Congressman Alcee Hastings, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Congressman Kendrick Meek, Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz to fully support The No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 648 by becoming a co-sponsor of the bill.

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