

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   WORKSHOP ON FEDERAL REIMBURSABLE LUNCH PROGRAM**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:               FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

The 1946 National School Lunch Act provides funds and foods to offer children school lunch every day. Since the program began over sixty years ago, more than 224 billion lunches have been served. The Federal Act, created the National School Lunch Program, which now operates in over 100,000 public and non-profit private schools. The federally assisted meal program aims to provide nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to more than 31 million children each school day since 2011.

The program functions through cash subsidies and foods which are provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participating school districts, including MDCPS. Typically, the program grants cash reimbursements for each meal served at a school. Schools can also be reimbursed for snacks served to children through age 18 in afterschool educational or enrichment programs.

In light of this year's budget sequestration, and the many automatic spending cuts to federal programs, it is important to discuss the possible changes to this program and its effect on our District and local vendors. This item seeks to direct the Superintendent to conduct a workshop and invite local vendors to learn about the federal reimbursable lunch program.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
CARLOS L. CURBELO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to conduct a workshop and invite local vendors to learn about the federal reimbursable lunch program.

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