

Ms. Lubby Navarro, School Board Member

SUBJECT: FLORIDA CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION

COMMITTEE:

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The Florida Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) convenes once every 20 years to examine the Florida Constitution and propose changes for voter consideration. Established by Article XI, Section 2 of the Florida Constitution, the CRC is composed of 37 Commissioners which include 15 Commissioners appointed by the Governor of Florida, 9 appointed by the President of the Florida Senate, 9 appointed by the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives and 3 by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. The Attorney General of Florida automatically serves on the CRC.

The CRC has been meeting for approximately one year, traveling across the State of Florida, identifying issues, performing research and discussing potential changes to the Florida Constitution. The Commission is currently finalizing its proposed amendments to the Constitution which must be presented to the Secretary of State by May 10, 2018. Proposals passed by the CRC would be placed on Florida's General Election ballot for the November 6, 2018 general election and must secure at least 60 percent voter approval to become law.

Specific to education, the CRC voted favorably to place Proposal 6003 (P6003) on the November ballot. The proposal "bundles" three previously adopted proposals: school board member term limits, civic literacy, and a limit on the authority of school boards to only operate, control, and supervise those schools within the district established by the school board. The language relating to term limits for school board members is not retroactive, therefore, years of service prior to November 6, 2018, will not be counted against the eight-year term limit. The language in P6003 limits the authority of school boards to those schools it "establishes," potentially creating the opportunity for the Legislature to enact legislation that establishes another governance structure for schools not operated by district school boards. This could take a variety of forms including, but not limited to, a separate authorizer for charter schools.

Our parents, teachers, principals, business leaders and other stakeholders may seek information on the potential impact of P6003 on the operations of the school district. Accordingly, it would be prudent to analyze the potential impact of this proposal.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

This item does not appear on the published Agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published Agenda in order to provide sufficient time for an appropriate analysis of the impacts of the proposed constitutional revisions on our school district.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the School Board Attorney to analyze the impact of the proposed constitutional revision P6003 specifically related to the governance structure of public schools and school districts and related operational impacts, and provide that analysis to the Board no later than July 18, 2018.