

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORT FOR THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN VENEZUELA

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

The social, political, and economic crisis facing the people of Venezuela began in 2010 and has continued throughout the years, currently facing one of its most important challenges as its citizens seek freedom and the restoration of democracy. The situation is possibly the worst economic crisis in Venezuela's history and among the worst crises experienced in the Americas, with hyperinflation reaching approximately 1,300,000% in the last 12 months. Likewise, soaring hunger, disease, crime and death rates, lack of medical care, and massive immigration from the country have further aggravated the lives of Venezuelans.

The crisis is not the result of a conflict or natural disaster but the consequences of socialist policies. Venezuela has become the "poster child" for how corruption, economic mismanagement, and undemocratic governance can lead to far-reaching human suffering.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is home to thousands of Venezuelan students and their families, and employees, throughout this County, from north to south and from east to west. This agenda item seeks the support of the Board for the people of Venezuela.

This item does not appear on the published agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published agenda because of the importance to support the fight for freedom and democracy in Venezuela as possible changes may occur within the next 20 days.

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

**GOOD CAUSE
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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, support Venezuelan students, parents, employees and their families by showing our support for the fight for freedom and democracy in Venezuela.