

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

**SUBJECT: ENHANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOREIGN-BORN
 EDUCATORS**

**COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND
 PERSONNEL SERVICES**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has a rich history of providing opportunities for foreign-born educators who have immigrated to the United States and seek to continue in the teaching profession. We should continue to capitalize on the wealth of knowledge and experience that these individuals bring to our community, considering a projected teaching shortage within the next decade.

Currently, the school district follows state standards for certification of teachers and assists individuals with information for the verification of educational credentials. Yet, opportunities exist to streamline these processes at the state level, enhance our recruitment strategies and afford these individuals additional resources through existing local programs and relationships with local community colleges and universities.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. FRANK J. BOLAÑOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to explore local partnerships to support teacher certification for ^{Revised} foreign-born educators and recommend language for the state legislative program to effect the same.

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