

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: UPDATE AND REPORT ON NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
POLICY**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO
STRATEGIC PLAN: ESTABLISH GREATER ALLIANCE WITH LEGISLATIVE
BODIES**

Public money will go farther if school board members are well informed. Decisions made about school policy, personnel, finance, curriculum, and communications can be expensive and time consuming. Mistakes cost time and dollars — resources our district cannot afford to waste.

Participation in board member development programs is essential and attendance is a sound investment for the district. Some topics discussed at the 67th Annual National School Board Association conference included:

- 21st Century Skills: global approach to education.
- Superintendent Matters: explore new methods for working effectively with your school board in sessions on improving board relations, negotiating contracts, and using accountability tools.
- Veteran Board Members: revitalize your school board efforts and gain a fresh approach to serving your district through never-before-seen programming.
- Collaboration: developing long-term, successful relationships inside and outside the system.
- From Bargaining Basics to Best Practices: Ask the Experts.
- Policy Governance®: Sharing the Challenges and Solutions for Boards Using the Carver Model of Governance.
- Avoiding Legal Pitfalls in Board Meetings.
- General Session speakers were F.W. de Klerk, Former South African President and Nobel Peace Prize Winner and Former U.S. President Bill Clinton.

**REPLACEMENT
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Two days were spent on congressional legislative matters. As a Delegate to the Delegate Assembly the following legislation was created during the Delegate Assembly Business Session:

- Taking the center stage were Health Insurance Benefits for both employees and students.
- Equitable access to programs was discussed and recommendations issued.
- Federal funding was the topic of a lively discussion which included E-rate, Pre-K and voluntary academic standards.
- Elections were held: President, Vice-President and Treasurer were selected for NSBA.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, accept the report of the 67th Annual Conference for the National School Board Association (NSBA). No cost to the District.