

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-20 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE SANCTIONS OF THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB) ACT UNTIL THE ACT IS REFORMED AND REAUTHORIZED

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

Our nation and state are in an economic crisis and the Miami-Dade County School District has lost over \$187 million dollars in state revenues since the adoption of the 2007-2008 budget. The School District expects additional reductions at the completion of the 2009 Regular Legislative Session.

The Title I Program is the cornerstone of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and Title I funds are more important than ever in the current economy. The District has made strides with improving student performance, but needs flexibility to use its NCLB Title I dollars for the children who need them the most.

As part of the sanctions, the District must transport students who request choice with transportation to non-Title I schools. As the enrollment of a Title I school is reduced by choice, the District must use its own scarce funds to supplement music, art and physical education instruction since the reduced enrollment no longer generates sufficient FTE funding to cover these classes at those schools. The District must use Title I funds to transport students who exercise the choice option regardless of their performance on state-mandated tests, so that students meeting Adequate Yearly Performance (AYP) standards leave the Title I schools even though the school has met their needs.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-20 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to the United States Congress to impose a moratorium on the sanctions of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act until the Act is reformed and reauthorized to give school districts flexibility of the 20% set-aside.

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TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM
ON THE SANCTIONS OF THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB) ACT UNTIL THE ACT IS
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WHEREAS, our nation and state are in an economic crisis and the Miami-Dade County School District has lost over \$187 million dollars in state revenues since the adoption of the 2007-2008 budget; and

WHEREAS, the school District expects additional reductions at the completion of the 2009 Regular Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Title I Program is the cornerstone of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and Title I funds are more important than ever in the current economy; and

WHEREAS, the District has made strides with improving student performance, but needs flexibility to use its NCLB Title I dollars for the children who need them the most; and

WHEREAS, as part of the sanctions, the District must transport students who request choice with transportation to non-Title I schools and as the enrollment of a Title I school is reduced by choice, the District must use its own scarce funds to supplement music, art and physical education instruction since the reduced enrollment no longer generates sufficient FTE funding to cover these classes at those schools; and

WHEREAS, the District must use Title I funds to transport students who exercise the choice option regardless of their performance on state-mandated tests, so that students meeting Adequate Yearly Performance (AYP) standards leave the Title I schools even though the school has met their needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, asks the United States Congress to enact an immediate moratorium on No Child Left Behind Act Title I sanctions until such time as the law can be reformed and reauthorized.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this eleventh day of February, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:
