

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT THAT IN THE EVENT FLEXIBLE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) BECOME AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS DURING THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR, THOSE FUNDS BE USED TO MITIGATE AGAINST THE CURTAILMENT OF PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES APPROVED AS PART OF AGENDA ITEM E-13 AT THE FEBRUARY 11, 2009 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY, AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE FINANCIAL SERVICES**

At the Board Meeting of February 11, 2009, the Board adopted Agenda Item E-13, Resolution No. 2, 2008-2009 General Fund Mid-Year Budget Review. Within the Resolution, Number 15 stated – “Curtailing of personnel expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year through discussion and resolution of issues in collective bargaining with the District’s unions.” The implementation of these recommendations was necessitated largely by the holdback of funding from the State pursuant to actions taken during the Special Session held in January.

Congress has passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which will provide stimulus dollars to states that have been impacted by the nation’s economic downturn, including funding for education. The administration has submitted a request to the South Florida Congressional Delegation urging the release of funds currently appropriated in the ARRA for education to be made available to school districts during the fiscal year. Provided there is no prohibition against such use, these funds may be used to mitigate against the curtailment of personnel expenditures. In the event that this request is successful and flexible funding is released to the District from the ARRA funds prior to June 30, 2009, strong consideration should be given that these funds be directed to offset the curtailment of personnel expenditures as approved as part of E-13 as described above.

This item does not appear in the published Agenda. There is good cause to vary from the Agenda as the release of the ARRA funds are impending.

**GOOD CAUSE
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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent that in the event flexible funds appropriated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) become available to school districts during the 2008-2009 fiscal year, and there is no prohibition against such use, those funds be used to mitigate against the curtailment of personnel expenditures approved as part of agenda item E-13 at the February 11, 2009 School Board Meeting.