

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACTIVELY SEEK A BUSINESS PARTNER IN THE MID-TOWN/DOWNTOWN AREA TO IMPLEMENT THE A BUSINESS-COMMUNITY (ABC) SCHOOL PROGRAM AS DEFINED IN FLORIDA STATUTE 1013.721**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY, AND GOVERMENTAL RELATIONS**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: STRENGTHEN BUSINESS AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

In order to increase business partnerships in education, to reduce school and classroom overcrowding throughout the state, to offset the high costs of educational facilities construction, and to use due diligence and sound business practices in using available educational space, the Legislature adopted Florida Statute 1013.721 A Business-Community (ABC) Program to encourage the formation of partnerships between business and education. In as much as there are a number of major employers in the downtown area and mid-town has experienced a significant increase in residential construction, the opportunity to join with a business partner to provide educational opportunities to Pre-K and primary grade students of parents who live and work in the area should be actively pursued. Not only would such schools located near a parent's place of employment likely reduce the District's transportation costs, as parents would be responsible for transporting their children, but it would also likely result in increased opportunities for parental involvement.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. LAWRENCE FELDMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the superintendent to actively seek a business partner in the Mid-town/Downtown area to implement the A Business-Community (ABC) school program as defined in Florida statute 1013.721.