

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-047 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF COMMISSIONER ADAM PUTNAM'S INITIATIVE TO TRANSFER THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL / DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam introduced an initiative regarding the transfer of management and administration of school nutrition programs from the Department of Education to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The concept is outlined in Senate Bill 1312, the "Healthy Schools for Healthy Lives Act".

Obesity among students is widespread nationally. While this situation is regrettable, through our District's Division of Food and Nutrition as well as its Wellness Committee, there have been substantial ongoing efforts to emphasize proper nutritional views and healthy selection of foods and beverages.

Commissioner Adam Putnam's initiative will further ensure that agriculture experts support our school nutrition programs, provide our students with high quality and healthy foods, and help us combat obesity in our schools. It also provides for a more logical assignment of responsibilities in state government.

This measure has garnered support from respected groups such as the United Way of Florida, the Palm Beach County Community Food Alliance, and the American Heart Associations' Advocacy Director.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. CARLOS L. CURBELO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-047 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, in support of Commissioner Adam Putnam's initiative to transfer the management and administration of school nutrition programs from the Department of Education to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-047
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
IN SUPPORT OF COMMISSIONER ADAM PUTNAM'S PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER THE
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS FROM
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
CONSUMER SERVICES**

WHEREAS, obesity among students in Miami-Dade County is an issue of concern; and

WHEREAS, proper attention to nutritional values and healthy selections of foods and beverages is paramount in the fight against obesity; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam's initiative proposes transferring the management and administration of school nutrition programs from the Department of Education to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

WHEREAS, this measure will ensure that agriculture experts support our school nutrition programs, provide our students with high quality and healthy foods, and help us combat obesity in our schools. It also provides for a more logical assignment of responsibilities in state government; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas and New Jersey have transferred school nutrition programs from education departments; and

WHEREAS, this proposal has gained support from the United Way of Florida, Palm Beach County Community Food Alliance, and the American Heart Association's advocacy director, among others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-047 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, in support of Commissioner Adam Putnam's initiative to transfer the management and administration of school nutrition programs from the Department of Education to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of April, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary