

Office of School Board Members  
Board Meeting of May 11, 2011

May 5, 2011

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP ON LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY PROCESSES PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

Each year the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida develops and adopts a State Legislative Program, and from that program a list of Legislative Priorities is further defined. These priorities represent those issues which have been identified as the most critical for passage by the Florida Legislature. While we have our legislative lobbying team in Tallahassee, Board Members have historically added their voices to District advocacy efforts.

To maximize the effectiveness of Board Members' advocacy efforts and to improve our understanding of the intricacies involved in lobbying the state legislature, it is important that each Member have a clear understanding of the rules and processes associated with the adoption of legislation within each of the Florida legislative chambers.

In order to provide the Board with the opportunity to become better informed regarding the state legislative process, a workshop should be scheduled for the Board wherein this information will be provided. This workshop should be scheduled in advance of the 2012 Legislative Session.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to schedule a workshop on legislative and advocacy processes prior to the commencement of the 2012 legislative session.

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