

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-015 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING FLORIDA GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT'S STATE OF FLORIDA BUDGET WHICH PROPOSES THE ALLOCATION OF \$1 BILLION TO PUBLIC SCHOOL SPENDING

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

In recent years, public education has consistently been one of the most aggrieved victims of drastic cuts to the state's education budget and plummeting property values. Governor Rick Scott's 2012-2013 state budget proposal, including a \$1 billion increase for public schools next year, promises to be different.

The Governor has stated that his pledge of \$1 billion in new state funding for public education is based on a series of town hall meetings and other public input. Although the people of Florida have always passionately supported its public education system, it should be noted that the Governor has listened to them. And while these funds do not eclipse the deep cuts (approximately \$1.3 billion) signed into law by the Governor last year, an increase in funding for schools after so many years of sacrifices is a welcomed possibility.

These funds are vital for our students and teachers and will have a broad positive impact on our school system and our state. Many districts like ours have innovated and found efficiencies during the economic crises, ensuring that new funds would almost entirely go to classroom instruction as well other expenses key to serving our children or would help mitigate other liabilities.

It is important that school districts all across Florida send a strong message that the wave of cuts must end if we are going to continue delivering a quality product for our children. The Governor's budget proposal is a good first step in the right direction.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-015 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the Governor's proposed \$1 billion increase in public school spending for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12-015
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED \$1 BILLION INCREASE IN PUBLIC
SCHOOL SPENDING FOR THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR**

WHEREAS, In recent years, public education has consistently been one of the most aggrieved victims of drastic cuts to the state's education budget and plummeting property values; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Scott's 2012-2013 state budget proposal includes a \$1 billion increase for public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has stated that his pledge of \$1 billion in new state funding for public education is based on a series of town hall meetings and other public input; and

WHEREAS, although the people of Florida have always passionately supported its public education system, it should be noted that the Governor has listened to them; and

WHEREAS, while these funds do not eclipse the deep cuts (approximately \$1.3 billion) signed into law by the Governor last year, an increase in funding for schools after so many years of sacrifices is a welcomed possibility; and

WHEREAS, these funds are vital for our students and teachers and will have a broad positive impact on our school system and our state; and

WHEREAS, it is important that school districts all across Florida send a strong message that the wave of cuts must end if we are going to continue delivering a quality product for our children; and

WHEREAS, Governor Scott's 2012-2013 state budget proposal, including a \$1 billion increase for public schools, is a step in the right direction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-015 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the Governor's proposed \$1 billion increase in public school spending for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of January A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary