

Office of School Board Members  
Board Meeting of January 18, 2012

January 12, 2012

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORT BILL  
SB 1294 RELATED TO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR  
FLORIDA KIDCARE**

**COMMITTEE:           INNOVATION,   EFFICIENCY   &   GOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:           STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

In Miami-Dade County, there are 344,854 children ages 0 to 20 years old enrolled in Florida KidCare. Of these, 290,486 are enrolled in Medicaid; 43,747 in Healthy Kids; 6,835 in Medikids; and 3,786 in the Children's Medical Services Network.

Currently, to qualify for Florida Kidcare, a child should: not have health insurance, meet income eligibility requirements, not be the dependent of a state employee eligible for health insurance, not be in a public institution, and be a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen.

Senator Rene Garcia has introduced bill SB 1294 – “amending s. 409.814, F.S.; deleting a provision preventing children who do not meet the definition of a qualified alien from participating in the program.” This legislation would thus allow more children to receive any necessary healthcare, regardless of immigration status.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools should support any legislation that will make it easier for any and all children to have access to quality healthcare. Thus, it is recommended that bill SB 1294 be supported.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, support bill SB 1294 related to eligibility requirements for Florida KidCare.

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