

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT AMEND THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN-COUNTY TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY TO ADHERE TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE INSTEAD OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:           FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

At this time, the Miami-Dade County School Board travel policy reimburses employees at the federal government's mileage rate, which is set each year by the Internal Revenue Service. The current Federal rate is fifty-five cents (\$0.55) per mile. In comparison, the State of Florida's mileage rate is established by the Department of Financial Services - currently (\$0.445) cents per mile.

In this difficult economic climate, it is important that our School District efficiently reduce spending. Reducing the mileage reimbursement rate by approximately ten cents per mile will provide the district with substantial savings, which can in turn be allocated to our classrooms. Additionally, this change will make the School Board's policy consistent with that of the state government.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MR. CARLOS L. CURBELO:**       That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to amend the Miami-Dade County Public Schools in-county travel reimbursement policy to adhere to the State of Florida's mileage reimbursement rate instead of the federal government's mileage reimbursement rate.