

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of May 16, 2012

May 7, 2012

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-087 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT
DURING THE 2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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

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

During Florida's 2012 Legislative Session, The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation's support for Miami-Dade County Public Schools' 2012 Legislative Priorities was unwavering. The Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation filed legislation in support of the Board's legislative priority positions on funding, class-size, capital funding, workforce development and accountability.

The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation never wavered in its commitment to provide increased funding for PreK - 12 education. The budget, passed by the Florida Legislature and signed by the Governor, provided a \$1.05 billion increase to Florida's PreK - 12 education. The Miami-Dade County Delegation demonstrated its best effort during these difficult times to partially restore last year's reduction in funding as a continued investment in our children's future.

Among the key issues for Miami-Dade County Public Schools:

- **HB 5101**, PreK-12 Education Funding Bill, which provided a modification of the penalty for non-compliance with the constitutional class-size requirement to loss of the class-size reduction categorical allocation, by yielding a midpoint reduction of 50 percent of the Base Student Allocation for the 12-13 and 13-14 school years.
- **HB 465/SB 750**, District School Bonds, part of the Board's Legislative Priorities for capital funding, provided for extending the term of the general obligation bonds from 20 to 30 years.
- **HB 1343/SB 980**, Discretionary Sales Tax, to expand the allowable use of locally voted upon sales tax to include operating expenses that maintain, renovate or repair existing school facilities, or maintain, secure or upgrade school technology equipment.
- **HB 1503/SB 536**, Distribution of Materials Harmful to Minors, prohibiting an adult from knowingly distributing to a minor or posting on school property certain specified materials harmful to minors; providing that it is a third-degree felony for any person to knowingly distribute to a minor or post on school property certain materials harmful to minors.

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- **HB 765/SB142**, Florida Education Finance Program, requiring that the Department of Education enter into a contract with an entity located outside the state to conduct a study and review of the Florida Education Finance Program and recommend any improvements that may be necessary.
- **HB 831/394**, Virtual Instruction Courses for Students with Disabilities, virtual instruction courses for students with disabilities, requiring that each virtual instruction program provide virtual courses in accessible formats for students with disabilities which are compatible with assistive technology products and assistive listening systems.
- **HB 627/SB 622**, Bullying the Public School System, revises provisions relating to prohibited bullying or harassment with respect to computer-related incidents.
- **HB 339/SB 722**, Autism, creating the Autism Spectrum Disorder Study Committee to study autism spectrum disorder in families in which English is the second language.
- **SB 1294**, Florida Kidcare Program, making certain immigrant or noncitizen children who are lawfully residing in the United States eligible for the Florida Kidcare Program, making certain immigrant or noncitizen children who are lawfully residing in the United States eligible for Medicaid.
- **SB 416**, Use of Wireless Communications While Driving; creating the "Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law," prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device for certain purposes, providing for points to be assessed against a driver's license for the unlawful use of a wireless communications device within a school safety zone or resulting in a crash.
- **HB 5201**, Postsecondary Education Funding Bill, included language from another priority bill, HB 407/SB 662, Funds for Workforce Education Programs, supporting co-enrollment for another fiscal year as a strategy for high school students who need credit recovery or to improve their cumulative grade point average for graduation. Without this policy, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' graduation rates would have plummeted by 14 percent.
- **HB 7127**, School Improvement and Education Accountability, to ensure the criteria for placing schools on Intervene status and existing procedures under Differentiated Accountability are clear, consistent and fair.

With continued financial challenges in Florida's budget, The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation made education a priority and supported legislation which provided a benefit to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

A copy of the resolution will be provided to each Member of The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 12-087, of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing the Members of The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation for their support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools during the 2012 Legislative Session.

RESOLUTION NO 12-087
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE
DELEGATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING THE 2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, during the 2012 Legislative Session, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation's support for the Board's Legislative Priorities was unwavering; and

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation filed legislation to support School Board positions on funding, class-size, capital funding, workforce development and accountability; and

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade Delegation supported a budget that provided a \$1.05 billion increase to the K-12 education that partially restored last year's reduction in funding as a continued investment in our children's future; and

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation was instrumental in filing and supporting bills pertaining to legislative priorities adopted by the School Board of Miami-Dade County: HB 5101, PreK-12 Education Funding Bill to provide a modification of the penalty for non-compliance with the constitutional class-size requirement by providing a midpoint reduction of 50 percent of the Base Student Allocation for the 12-13 and 13-14 school years; HB 465/SB 750, District School Bonds, to address the capital funding issues by extending of the term of the general obligation bonds from 20 to 30 years; HB 1343/SB 980, Discretionary Sales Surtaxes, to expand the allowable use of the locally voted upon sales tax to include operating expenses that maintain, renovate or repair existing school facilities, or maintain, secure or upgrade school technology equipment; HB 1503/SB 536, Distribution of Materials Harmful to Minors, prohibiting an adult from knowingly distributing to a minor or posting on school property certain specified materials harmful to minors, providing that it is a third-degree felony for any person to knowingly distribute to a minor or post on school property certain materials harmful to minors; HB 765/SB142, Florida Education Finance Program, requiring that the Department of Education enter into a contract with an entity located outside the state to conduct a study and review of the Florida Education Finance Program and recommend any improvements that may be necessary; HB 831/394, Virtual Instruction Courses for Students with Disabilities, virtual instruction courses for students with disabilities, requiring that each virtual instruction program provide virtual courses in accessible formats for students with disabilities which are compatible with assistive technology products and assistive listening systems; HB 627/SB 622, Bullying the Public School System, relating to prohibited bullying or harassment with respect to computer-related incidents; HB 339/SB 722, Autism, creating the Autism Spectrum Disorder Study Committee to study autism spectrum disorder in families in which English is the second language; SB 1294, Florida Kidcare Program, making certain immigrant or noncitizen children who are lawfully residing in the United States eligible for the Florida Kidcare Program, making certain immigrant or noncitizen children who are lawfully residing in the United States eligible for Medicaid; SB 416, Use of Wireless Communications While Driving, creating the "Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law," prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device for certain purposes, providing for points to be assessed against a driver's license for the unlawful use of a wireless communications device within a school safety zone or resulting in a crash; HB 5201, Postsecondary Education Funding, to include language from HB 407/SB 662, Funds for Workforce Education Programs, supporting the co-enrollment policy for high school students who need credit recovery or to improve their cumulative grade point average for graduation; HB 7127, School Improvement and Education Accountability, to ensure a criteria for schools on Intervene status and existing procedures under Differentiated Accountability are clear, consistent, and fair; and

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation's leadership and support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' 2012 Legislative Program was a key factor in ensuring passage of education legislative priorities during this legislative session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-087 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Members of The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation for their support during the 2012 Legislative Session.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of May, A.D., 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary