

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXPLORE FUEL REBATE PROGRAMS FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

With gasoline prices hovering near \$4.00 a gallon in the past months, a new USA Today/Gallup Poll found that nearly seven out of ten Americans find the high cost of fuel is causing financial hardship for their families. More than half say they have made major changes to compensate for the higher prices, thus, forcing them to make tough choices: scaling back summer vacations, driving less, finding alternate transportation methods and/or curtailing personal spending.

For employees, students, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, increases in the cost of living coupled with these increasing gas prices can become an overwhelming financial burden. In cities such as Kansas City and St. Louis, students and educators enjoy fuel savings programs designed specifically for them by local gasoline stations. These local stations have created on-line registration forms which require the participant to identify the school they attend or teach at to obtain a special rebate card. Once a student or teacher enrolls online they are given 10 cents off every gallon of gas.

With over 350,000 students and 50,000 employees, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, through arrangements with either independent gas station owners throughout the district or other organized entities, can provide meaningful financial assistance to its families at no cost to the district.

This item seeks to authorize the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of a fuel rebate program for employees, students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
VICE CHAIR**

DR. LAWRENCE FELDMAN: That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of a fuel rebate program for Miami-Dade County Public Schools employees, students and their families and report back to the board by the August 2012 School Board meeting.