

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA ENCOURAGE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO INVITE OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ADDRESS REDUCING HEALTHCARE EXPENDITURES IN MIAMI-DADE

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

Miami-Dade County has the highest cost healthcare expenditures in the entire United States. Healthcare costs in Miami-Dade are 120 percent of the national norm for healthcare expenses for a family of four.

The high cost of medical care negatively affects Miami-Dade County's taxpayers, government, employers and employees. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) as the largest employer in Miami-Dade County should initiate a meeting with other interested stakeholders to determine ways to lower health costs. Other interested parties could include local chambers of commerce, mayoral offices and their designees, and major employers in Miami-Dade County.

These meetings could discuss ways to share information and resources, to conduct joint campaigns to stop insurance fraud, and to advocate for preventative medicines or healthier lifestyles. Miami-Dade has high incidences of insurance fraud which has led to higher costs.

Meetings are not intended to discuss reducing services or lowering quality of healthcare provided.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTIN KARP: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, encourage the Superintendent to invite other stakeholders in Miami-Dade County to:

1. Discuss and brainstorm ways to reduce healthcare expenditures in Miami-Dade County without compromising quality health care; and,
2. Report to the Board the results of the stakeholders' meeting(s).