

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-097
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION FOR THEIR
SUPPORT DURING THE 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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

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

During Florida's 2013 Legislative Session, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation's support for Miami-Dade County Public Schools' 2013 Legislative Priorities never waived. The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation supported the Board's legislative priority positions on funding, class-size, workforce development, and accountability.

The Legislature increased state education funding by \$1.05 billion, an increase of \$404.04 per full-time equivalent or 6.34 percent. The Base Student Allocation (BSA) increased by \$169.32 per student or 4.73 percent.

Among the key issues passed:

- Increased funding for public education;
- Funds for teacher salaries;
- Increased funding for New World School of the Arts;
- Maintained Millage Compression Adjustment Allocation at current levels;
- Increased the Base Student Allocation (BSA) by nearly \$170 per student;
- Flexibility with the use of Instructional Materials funds for the purchase of technology (SB 1500), including devices and software;
- Continued funding through the Workforce Funding Formula for students to have the ability to co-enroll at both high school and adult school in order to satisfy high school graduation requirements (SB 1076);
- Passed House Bill 113 which mandates harsher penalties for individuals who deliberately distribute pornographic or obscene materials on school property;
- Passed Senate Bill 52 which prohibits texting while operating a vehicle in a school safety zone;
- SB 1388 which eliminates the required state textbook adoption requirements and provided local flexibility for the development and acquisition of educational content; and

- Passed House Bill 609 which expands the definition of cyber bullying through the use of specified technology or electronic communications.

Additionally, other issues were averted that would have adversely impacted the school district's operations, such as:

- The parent empowerment legislation which would have diluted the role of parents, teachers, and community stakeholders in the education of children;
- Any required charter school use of district-owned property;
- Any required per-student allocation for charter schools out of the local discretionary capital millage;
- A reduction of funding for traditional public schools, either in operating or capital funding, or a required tax increase for charter schools;
- The mandate to set-aside a percentage of Title I funds for Supplemental Education Services (SES); and
- Attempts to charge school districts for the cost, estimated at \$1.5 million, of erecting and maintaining storm water drainage facilities.

With continued financial challenges facing public schools, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation made education a priority and supported legislation which benefited Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the children it serves.

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

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-097 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 2013 Legislative Session.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE
DELEGATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING THE 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, during Florida's 2013 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 supported the Board's legislative priority positions on funding, class-size, workforce development, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Delegation supported a budget that provided an increase to Florida's education funding by \$1.05 billion, an increase of \$404.04 per full-time equivalent or 6.34 percent and a Base Student Allocation (BSA) increase of \$169.32 per student or 4.73 percent; and

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Delegation was instrumental in filing and supporting bills pertaining to legislative priorities adopted by The School Board of Miami-Dade County.

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WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation's leadership and support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' 2013 Legislative Program was a key factor in ensuring passage of legislative priorities during this legislative session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No 13-097 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Members of The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation for their support during the 2013 Legislative Session.

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Presented this nineteenth day of June, A.D., 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary