

Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO FULLY FUND
THE ADDITIONAL COST OF PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT TO FOREIGN-BORN STUDENTS AND
ENSURE DISTRICT OPERATIONAL READINESS**

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

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

Recently, there has been an increase in immigration into the United States by families with children and by unaccompanied children of all ages. In fact, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) enrollment data indicates a spike in the number of foreign born students from Central American countries, specifically Honduras.

As previously shared with the Board, the District incurs an additional cost of approximately \$1,959, over the FTE amount generated to provide necessary services to foreign-born students from local funds not reimbursed from federal or state dollars. In addition to the fiscal impact, the continued influx of foreign-born students, many of whom are English Language Learners (ELL), increases the need for ESOL courses, grade-level content courses, and other educational supports that target students' content, cultural and English Language needs. This has a financial and operational impact on the District. Therefore, it is prudent that M-DCPS continue to seek assistance from the federal government to ensure the District's operational readiness by fully funding the cost of federal immigration policies on local school districts.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published agenda due to the potential impact on the District's budget-development process and the preparation for the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MR. ALBERTO M. CARVALHO:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request federal assistance to fully fund the additional cost of providing educational support to foreign-born students and ensure District operational readiness.

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Good Cause