

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO.14-062 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 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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

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

During the Florida 2014 Legislative Session, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation's support for Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) 2014 legislative priorities was unwavering. The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation helped to secure fair and equitable funding for M-DCPS. The Legislature boosted education funding by \$574 million, an increase of 3.14 percent statewide. The Base Student Allocation increased by \$279.47 per student statewide.

The key issues passed in support of M-DCPS and/or K-12 public education include:

- Increased M-DCPS' potential funding by \$78.3 million or 3.29 percent, which is higher than the statewide average of 3.14 percent;
- Increased M-DCPS' per student spending by \$185 or 2.72 percent, which also exceeds that of the statewide average;
- Established a prior funding millage adjustment of an amount equal to 75 percent of the District's most recent unrealized Required Local Effort ensuring Miami-Dade students receive their fair share of education funding (Value Adjustment Board);
- Increased funding for New World School of the Arts;
- Increased enrollment work load by \$54.5 million;
- Increased high school and middle school industry certification funding by \$30 million;
- Allocated \$40 million for digital classrooms;
- Allocated \$10 million for dual enrollment instructional materials and clarified that school districts are not responsible for paying the post-secondary institution tuition costs when the dual enrollment is taken during the summer months;
- Granted in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants who attended and graduated from a Florida high school;
- Appropriated \$50 million for Public Education Capital Outlay for public school renovation, repair, and maintenance;

- Opposed any mandatory diversion of Local Discretionary Capital Outlay levy revenue from traditional public schools to non-traditional public schools;
- Maintained local school board authority regarding the disposition of local capital outlay funds and impact fees;
- Provided equitable and appropriate assessments for students in special education and those students classified as English Language Learners;
- Convened the legislative session in January to allow adequate time for budget development and new legislative initiatives;
- Rejected increases in caps and maintained uniformity among local and state government agencies;
- Maintained the dual education delivery system that allows local school districts and local community colleges to offer adult programs; and
- Provided state funding for any increased costs to the employer's contribution to the Florida Retirement System.

With continued financial challenges facing public schools, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation made education a priority and supported legislation that benefited M-DCPS and the hundreds of thousands of children it serves.

A copy of the resolution, with individual names listed, 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. 14-062, 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 2014 Legislative Session.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
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DELEGATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, during the Florida 2014 Legislative Session, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation's support for Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) 2014 legislative priorities was unwavering; and

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation helped secure fair and equitable funding for M-DCPS; and

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Delegation supported a budget that provided an increase to Florida's K-12 education funding by \$574 million, an increase of 3.14 percent statewide. The Base Student Allocation increased by \$279.47 per student statewide;

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, Florida;

WHEREAS, The key issues passed in support of M-DCPS and/or K-12 education include;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.14-062 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Members of The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation for their support during the 2014 Legislative Session.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of June, A.D., 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary