

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO.15-066
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 2015 AND 2015A LEGISLATIVE
SESSIONS**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

During the Florida 2015 and 2015A Legislative Sessions, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation's support for Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) 2015 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 \$780 million, an increase of 4.13 percent statewide. The Base Student Allocation increased by \$122.68 per student statewide.

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

- Increased M-DCPS' total potential funding by \$84.2 million;
- Increased M-DCPS' per student funding by \$231.35 or 3.3 percent, above the statewide average;
- Provided the continuation of the hold harmless language in the implementing bill providing the District with a safety net from the impact of revenues lost from the delay in finalizing the tax roll in Miami-Dade;
- Funded New World School of the Arts;
- Opposed any diversion of Local Discretionary Capital Outlay levy revenue from traditional public schools to charter schools;
- Opposed increasing the Discretionary Compression Adjustment to 105 percent of the statewide average;
- Increased funding for the infrastructure cost and the acquisition of computers for the mandated expansion of computer-based administration of statewide testing;
- Opposed the imposition of unfunded, state-mandated expenditures;
- Funded the Public Education Capital Outlay Program that involves construction and maintenance programs for public school districts at \$50 million;
- Passed legislation HB 7069 modifying the state's educational accountability system by eliminating requirement for students to take the 11th grade English Language Arts Florida Standards Assessment (FSA), thus reducing the impact of student performance on statewide assessments as part of a teacher's evaluation;

eliminating the requirement for the development of a district end-of-course exam for each course; requiring a third party to determine the validity of the assessment and prohibit the release of school grades and the use of the data for teachers' evaluation until it is determined that the assessment is valid; and ensuring that FSA testing is not administered during religious holidays; and

- Filed legislation for the Board's priorities: VAB, class size penalties, and State Required Education Facilities (SREF).

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. 15-066, 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 2015 and 2015A Legislative Sessions.

RESOLUTION NO 15-066
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE
DELEGATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
AND 2015A SPECIAL SESSION

WHEREAS, during Florida's 2015 Legislative Session and 2015A Special Session, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation's support for Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) 2015 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 in Florida's K-12 education funding of \$780 million, 4.13 percent rise statewide, with the Base Student Allocation increasing by \$122.68 per student statewide; 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, Florida.

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- Filed legislation for the Board's priorities; VAB, class size penalties, and State Required Education Facilities (SREF).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.15-066 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Members of The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation for their support during the 2015 and 2015A Legislative Sessions.

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

Presented this fifth day of August, A.D., 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary