

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO.16-059 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 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED, AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

During the Florida 2016 Legislative Session, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation gave Miami-Dade County Public Schools' 2016 legislative priorities unwavering support. The delegation helped secure fair and equitable funding for M-DCPS as the Legislature boosted K-12 education funding by \$458.2 million, an increase of 2.33 percent statewide, with the Base Student Allocation rising by \$6.26 per student statewide.

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

- Increased ESE funding by \$96.4 million statewide;
- Provided the continuation of the hold harmless language in the implementing bill providing the District with a safety net from the impact of the loss of revenues due to 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;
- Increased funding for 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 \$75 million;
- Filed legislation for the Board's priorities;
- Passed legislation revising the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) proceedings to include limiting appeal rescheduling to only one for good cause, and require the VAB to finish all appeals and certify the final tax roll to the property appraiser by June 1st of each year;
- Amended state statutes to allow school districts to levy the Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage based on the property appraiser's estimate of the prior year's gross taxable value;

- Passed legislation that eliminates the statutory provision requiring the passage of end-of-course assessments for funding purposes;
- Established a Seal of Biliteracy to recognize students who have attained proficiency in English and one or more other world languages;
- Amended F.S. 514.011 to include a portable pool used exclusively for the purpose of providing swimming lessons or related instruction in support of an educational program provided by the local school board as a "private pool" for purposes of the exemptions provided under s. 514.0113;
- Provided local school districts limited flexibility from the Florida Building Code in lieu of the State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) and the requirement of a study of SREF to provide additional flexibility; and
- Opposed legislation that would break up large school districts.

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. 16-059, 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 2016 Legislative Session.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-059**  
**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,**  
**RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE**  
**DELEGATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, during Florida's 2016 Legislative Session, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation's support for Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) 2016 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 by \$458.2 million, an increase of 2.33 percent 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.

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

- Increased ESE funding by \$96.4 million statewide;
- Provided the continuation of the hold harmless language in the implementing bill providing the District with a safety net from the impact of the loss of revenues due to 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;
- Increased funding for 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 \$75 million;
- Filed legislation for the Board's priorities;
- Passed legislation revising the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) proceedings to include limiting appeal rescheduling to only one for good cause, and require the VAB to finish all appeals and certify the final tax roll to the property appraiser by June 1st of each year;
- Amended state statutes to allow school districts to levy the Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage based on the property appraiser's estimate of the prior year's gross taxable value;
- Passed legislation that eliminates the statutory provision requiring the passage of end-of-course assessments for funding purposes;
- Established a Seal of Biliteracy to recognize students who have attained proficiency in English and one or more other world languages;
- Amended F.S. 514.011 to include a portable pool used exclusively for the purpose of providing swimming lessons or related instruction in support of an educational program provided by the local school board as a "private pool" for purposes of the exemptions provided under s. 514.0113;

- Provided local school districts limited flexibility from the Florida Building Code in lieu of the State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) and the requirement of a study of SREF to provide additional flexibility; and
- Opposed legislation that would break up large school districts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.16-059 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Members of The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation for their support during the 2016 Legislative Session.

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

**Presented this twenty-second day of June, A.D., 2016.**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

---

CHAIR

ATTEST:

---

Secretary