

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Chair

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED 2018 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM OF THE
GREATER FLORIDA CONSORTIUM OF SCHOOL BOARDS**

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

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The Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards is a coalition of ten school boards that have joined to assist each other in advancing educational issues of mutual concern. The member districts include: Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Pinellas, Sarasota, and St. Lucie counties.

In developing the Consortium's legislative platform, member districts submitted legislative proposals for consideration and inclusion in its 2018 legislative platform. On August 24-25, 2017, representatives of the Consortium met in Naples, Florida, to finalize the draft of their proposed 2018 Legislative Program. The draft program includes only those items which were approved by the school board representatives in attendance. Further, it adheres to the Consortium's policy of including only a select number of issues in order to ensure maximum cohesiveness in programmatic priorities and concentration of Consortium resources.

All ten Consortium school boards must review the draft program and to take official action on it. Each issue must be supported by all Consortium members before inclusion in the final adopted program; only the issues that receive unanimous support will be included in the Consortium's legislative program. If a member district votes to remove an issue from the proposed program, the issue is removed from the program. Since the 2018 legislative session is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, member boards were asked to review and adopt the Consortium's legislative program as soon as possible. Once all member boards have officially adopted the 2018 Legislative Program, the Consortium will print and distribute the document to the Governor, State Cabinet, all legislators, and interested citizen groups.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida adopt the proposed draft Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards 2018 Legislative Program.