

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF FLORIDA GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT'S RECOMMENDATION TO REDIRECT UNUSED FUNDS FROM THE COACH AARON FEIS GUARDIAN PROGRAM TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

At the Board meeting of April 25, 2018, the School Board approved resolution number 18-028, proffered by Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member, requesting an equitable distribution of unused funds from the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program. This resolution clearly outlined the Board's position that the unused balance of funds from this program be dispersed, based on each district's proportionate share of the state's total unweighted full-time equivalent student enrollment, to school districts who did not participate in the program for the sole purpose of hiring additional school resource and safety officers. It also authorized the Superintendent to transmit to appropriate outlets inclusive of the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education, the State Legislature and other relevant stakeholders.

Following on Dr. Feldman's wisdom and the Board's unanimous vote, this agenda item seeks the School Board's endorsement supporting Florida Governor Rick Scott's announcement that the \$58 million of unused money from this program should soon be redirected to help school districts with other school safety measures. It is our sincere hope that the legislative body will soon approve the distribution of these funds.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse Governor Rick Scott's recommendation for the \$58 million of unused funds from the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program to be equitably distributed to school districts in support of school safety measures.