

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

**SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORT FOR  
FLORIDA SENATE BILL 886 AND HOUSE BILL 359 – COVID-19  
IMPACT ON SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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During the 2021 legislative session, two very important bills have been filed supporting students and school personnel due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Senate Bill (SB) 886 – *COVID-19 Impact on School Accountability* sponsored by Senator Perry E. Thurston, Jr., Broward County, and its companion House Bill (HB) 359, sponsored by Representative Robin Bartleman, Broward County, state the following “ (c) Student performance results from the 2020-2021 statewide, standardized assessments may not be used for purposes of determining grade 3 retention pursuant to s. 1008.25 (5) and high school graduation pursuant to s. 1003.4282 or calculating student performance measurement and evaluating personnel pursuant to s. 1012.34.”

Both bills are aligned to the Board-approved 2021 legislative priorities and further support the agenda item proffered by Board Member Dr. Lubby Navarro, Agenda Item H-23, Good Cause, Revised 2, approved by the School Board at its meeting of October 21, 2020. Therefore, this agenda item seeks the School Board’s support for Florida Senate Bill (SB) 886 and its companion and House Bill (HB) 359 – *COVID-19 Impact on School Accountability*.

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, formally support Florida Senate Bill (SB) 886 sponsored by Senator Perry E. Thurston, Jr., Broward County and House Bill (HB) 359 – *COVID-19 Impact on School Accountability*, sponsored by Representative Robin Bartleman, Broward County.