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SUBJECT: PROPOSED 2023 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM OF THE GREATER FLORIDA CONSORTIUM OF SCHOOL BOARDS

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS LINK TO

STRATEGIC PLAN: EFFECTIVE & SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

The Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards is a coalition of 11 School Boards that have joined to assist each other in advancing educational issues of mutual concern. The member districts include Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Martin, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Sarasota, and St. Lucie counties.

In developing the Consortium’s legislative platform, member districts submitted legislative proposals for consideration and inclusion in its 2023 legislative platform. On August 25 and 26, 2022, representatives of the Consortium met in Broward County to finalize the draft of their proposed 2023 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 11 Consortium School Boards must review the draft program and to take official action on it. The proposed 2023 Legislative Program is attached for reference. 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 school district votes to remove an issue from the proposed program, the issue is removed from the program. Since the 2023 legislative session is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, with Legislative Committee work to begin in January, 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 2023 Legislative Program, the Consortium will print and distribute the document to the Governor, State Cabinet, all legislators, and interested citizen groups.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt the proposed draft of the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards 2023 Legislative Program.

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