

Mr. Joseph S. Geller, Board Member

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED FEDERAL EDUCATION FUNDING AND PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizes the critical importance of federal education funding and programs in providing educational opportunities for all students in our district. These essential federal resources currently provided through the Department of Education allow our schools to address learning needs, support academic achievement, and prepare students for future success.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools currently benefits from numerous federal programs that serve our students, families, and communities, including:

1. Title I grants that provide supplemental resources for schools serving economically disadvantaged students, helping to close achievement gaps
2. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funding that supports specialized instruction and services for students with disabilities, ensuring their access to appropriate educational opportunities
3. English Language Acquisition grants that help our English Language Learners develop proficiency and succeed academically
4. Career and Technical Education funding that prepares students for high-demand careers through industry-relevant training and certification opportunities
5. Child Nutrition Programs including the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program that provide essential nutrition to students, supporting their health and readiness to learn
6. Head Start and Early Head Start programs that establish strong educational foundations for our youngest learners
7. Student Support and Academic Enrichment grants that promote well-rounded educational opportunities, safe and healthy students, and effective use of technology

These critical programs serve thousands of students throughout Miami-Dade County and provide millions of dollars in resources that our district could not otherwise afford. The continuation of these programs and funding is vital to maintaining educational quality, addressing the needs of our student population, and ensuring that all students have opportunities to reach their full potential.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County expresses strong support for the continuation of these essential federal education programs and funding streams that directly benefit Miami-Dade County Public Schools students.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. JOSEPH S. GELLER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. Express strong support for the continuation of essential federal education funding and programs that directly benefit Miami-Dade County Public Schools students; and
2. Direct the Superintendent to communicate the Board's strong support for the continuation of essential federal education funding and programs to our congressional delegation and other appropriate entities.