

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education

Gifted Sub-Committee – Minutes from December 14, 2018 meeting

- **M-DCPS 2019 Legislative Platform related to Gifted Education**

- ✓ Eliminate the arbitrary cap on the number of gifted high school students funded.
- ✓ Gifted funding should be restored so that guarantee allocation funds are provided for all students K-12.

Background

Florida Statute 1011.62 establishes for each district a guaranteed allocation to provide students who are gifted in grades K-8 a free appropriate public education and indicates that a district's expenditure of funds from the allocation for gifted students in grades 9 through 12 may not be greater than the amount expended for these students during the 2006-07 fiscal year. Gifted funds for senior high school students have been capped since 2006, although the district continues to provide services to additional students. In 2018, we have an additional 1,437 students receiving gifted services in grades 9-12 (from 11,519 in 2006-2007 to 12,956 in 2018-2019). This represents over **\$2.9 million** in loss of additional weighted FTE for gifted for this school year alone.

- **Professional Development for Gifted Program**

- ✓ In collaboration with FDLRS, propose a professional development opportunity (Gifted Strategies: Addressing the Needs of Twice-Exceptional Learners) for teachers of the gifted on January 30 & 31 at West Miami Middle School.
- ✓ Propose a professional development opportunity (Best Practices for Psychologists: Addressing the Needs of Twice-Exceptional Learners) including a CEU opportunity for psychologists on January 30 & 31 at West Miami Middle School.
- ✓ Schedule a parent/community informational meeting focusing on supporting gifted and twice-exceptional students, with guest speaker Richard Courtright, Ph.D., Gifted Education Research Specialist, Duke University Talent Identification Program on January 22nd at Sunset Elementary and January 23rd at North Beach Elementary.

Next meeting-Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 8:30 AM in SBAB.