



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 2, 2010

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting the legislative initiatives of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the 2010 Session of the Florida Legislature

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LEGISLATIVE
INITIATIVES OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS FOR THE 2010 SESSION OF THE FLORIDA
LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution provides that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of Florida and a paramount duty of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution creates a mandate for a uniform and high quality education system and for the State to make adequate provision for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has experienced significant budget reductions of nearly \$500 million; and

WHEREAS, Florida employers consistently rank improving education and workforce development as top concerns to the success of their businesses, and a highly qualified and trained workforce as critical to strengthening Florida's business climate; and

WHEREAS, the education system needs to respond to the workforce needs of Florida's employers, including programs that expand career academies in high schools, align career education with industry standards and workforce demands, and expand options for students to continue their education and enter the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Pre-K-20 education system is the foundation for Florida's future, providing the talent base for economic diversification and an economic engine for the knowledge economy, and Florida should continue to move its education system at all levels (Pre-K-20) into the top quartile in education quality, student rankings and graduation rates based on national standards; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners believes that funding a high-quality education system is an investment in our state's and our community's ability to compete nationally and globally in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the Board also believes that adequate funding is needed to achieve a high-quality education system measured by gains in student achievement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Supports Miami-Dade County Public Schools' legislative initiatives and requests to the Florida Legislature for the 2010 legislative session, in particular, the following:

- Increase total potential funding per student by \$100;
- Restore the local Discretionary Capital Outlay levy to 2-mills;
- Conduct a third party study of the District Cost Differential; and
- Oppose legislation that reduces the number of in-service hours required of teachers providing instruction to English Language Learners.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Katy Sorenson and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of February, 2010. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty

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