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Agenda Item No. 11(A)(40)
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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-463-07

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' STATE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

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

WHEREAS, Florida is one of the leaders in the nation in mandating public school educational accountability measures and Miami-Dade County School Board has earned a second straight grade of B in the state accountability system, falling just seven points short of the cutoff score for a grade of A; and

WHEREAS, the number of schools in Miami-Dade County, Florida, receiving a letter grade of A increased to 53 percent, the highest percentage ever, despite tougher state standards; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County School Board has constructed an additional 20,000 new student seats to address overcrowding using local funding; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County School Board will need approximately $180 million in new monies above current funding levels to continue program enhancements; and

WHEREAS, Florida employers consistently rank improving education and workforce development as top concerns to the success of their business, and a highly qualified, trained workforce is critical to strengthening our 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, aligning career

education with industry standards and workforce demands, and expanding options for students to continue their education and enter the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the pre-K to 20 education system is a key 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 into the top quartile in education quality, student rankings and graduation rates based on national standards; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board supports the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' state legislative initiatives and requests that the Florida Legislature:

- Appropriate adequate funding to raise Miami-Dade's per- pupil funding sufficient to provide a rigorous, high quality educational experience for every student and continue initiatives that are successfully raising student achievement in the District; and
- Amend the Classrooms for Kids allocation formula for capital outlay funding to reflect actual capital outlay need.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman aye
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman aye

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	absent
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	absent
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of April, 2007. 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: KAY SULLIVAN
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. JMM

Jess M. McCarty

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MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(40)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' State Legislative Initiatives

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(40)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("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**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**