



**MEMORANDUM**

Amended  
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

**Resolution No. R-141-10**

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, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan 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 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;
- 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, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Katy Sorenson**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	<b>absent</b>	
	Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	<b>nay</b>	
Bruno A. Barreiro	<b>absent</b>	Audrey M. Edmonson	<b>aye</b>
Carlos A. Gimenez	<b>aye</b>	Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>
Barbara J. Jordan	<b>aye</b>	Joe A. Martinez	<b>aye</b>
Dorrin D. Rolle	<b>aye</b>	Natacha Seijas	<b>nay</b>
Katy Sorenson	<b>aye</b>	Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>
Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>absent</b>		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: **DIANE COLLINS**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Jess M. McCarty