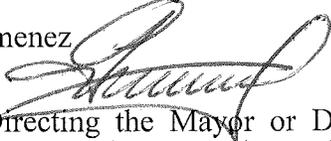


Memorandum



Date: December 5, 2013

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Resolution Directing the Mayor or Designee to Work With the Miami-Dade County Public Schools to Conduct a Feasibility Study to Provide Library and Media Center Access to the Community

On November 5, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution No. R-918-13, sponsored by Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, directing my office to work with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) staff to conduct a study on the feasibility of opening school library and media centers to the public. This resolution supports the action taken by the School Board of Miami-Dade County to partner with the Miami-Dade Public Library System to identify locations of M-DCPS library or media centers that may be opened to the public.

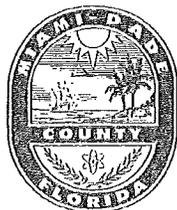
In a letter to M-DCPS Superintendent Alberto Carvalho (see attached), I have requested the contact information of the M-DCPS staff assigned to the project so that my staff may begin to provide input on the process of conducting the feasibility study. I will continue to update the Board on our progress.

I also want to take this opportunity to inform you that Superintendent Carvalho has appointed members of his Senior Staff to three working groups which form a component of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Taskforce for the Miami-Dade Public Library System- Dr. Sylvia Diaz, Assistant Superintendent, serves on the Service Model Working Group; Ms. Iriada Mendez-Cartaya, Assistant Superintendent, serves on the Awareness, Advocacy, and Marketing Working Group; and Ms. Valtena Brown, Chief Operating Officer for School Operations, serves on the Service Needs Working Group. As these groups continue to meet, information regarding potential partnerships is emerging as a result of their valuable input.

Please contact me directly or Senior Advisor Lisa Martinez at (305) 375-3075 if you have any questions.

Attachment

c: Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor, Office of the Mayor
Raymond Santiago, Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System
Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County Public Schools



CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

MAYOR
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

November 18, 2013

Superintendent Alberto Carvalho
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
1450 N.E. 2 Avenue, Suite 912
Miami, Florida 33132

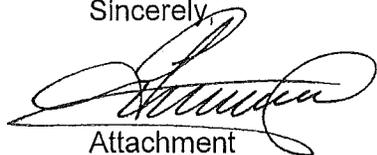
Dear Superintendent Carvalho:

On November 5, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved Resolution No. R-918-13, sponsored by Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, regarding the feasibility of providing community access to library and media centers in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) facilities. This resolution directs my office to work with M-DCPS staff to conduct a study and report back to the Board by their December 3rd meeting on the feasibility of opening school library and media centers to the public. This resolution is in support of the action taken by the School Board of Miami-Dade County to conduct a feasibility study on partnering with the Miami-Dade Public Library System (MDPLS) to identify locations where properties owned or operated by M-DCPS could be used to provide library or media center access to the community.

Your initial public support for this action was truly appreciated. At your earliest convenience, please provide the contact information for the appropriate individual(s) from your staff that have been assigned to this project. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for designating three members of your Senior Staff to the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Taskforce for the MDPLS' Working Groups. Their input is proving to be valuable and insightful.

Please contact me directly or Senior Advisor Lisa Martinez at (305) 375-3075 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Attachment

C: Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor, Office of the Mayor
Raymond Santiago, Director, Miami Dade Public Library System

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

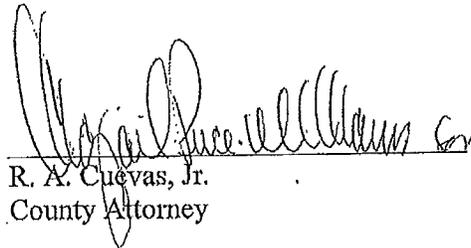
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 5, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor
to work with the Miami-Dade
County Public Schools to
conduct a feasibility study to
provide library and media center
access to the community

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

RA/C/smm



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 5, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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 Mayor'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

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

Veto _____

11-5-13

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR
DESIGNEE TO WORK WITH THE MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT A
FEASIBILITY STUDY TO PROVIDE LIBRARY AND
MEDIA CENTER ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Public Library District is a separate taxing authority that consists of the unincorporated area of the county and all municipalities within the county except the cities of Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Hialeah, Miami Shores, North Miami, North Miami Beach and Surfside; and

WHEREAS, at the July 16, 2013 Board of County Commissioners meeting, the Board approved a proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2013-14 for the Library District of 0.1725 mills, which was the same millage rate for the Library District in Fiscal Year 2012-13; and

WHEREAS, such a flat millage rate will require adjustments to services that could include the closure of some libraries, reductions in the days and hours that libraries are open and the reduction of other library services; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, August 7, 2013, the School Board of Miami-Dade County directed the Superintendent to conduct a feasibility study on partnering with Miami-Dade Public Library System to identify locations where properties owned or operated by Miami-Dade County Public Schools could be used to provide library or media center access to the community, including but not limited to adult education facilities; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to express its support for this partnership effort as a cost effective means of providing the residents of Miami-Dade County library services during these difficult budget times across different governmental entities that serve the same constituents,

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

Section 1. Directs the Mayor or designee to work with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in conducting a feasibility study to provide library and media center access to the community through Miami-Dade Public Schools facilities.

Section 2. Directs the Mayor or designee to provide the Board updates on this initiative on a biweekly basis starting two weeks after the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. 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:

	Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
	Lynda Bell, Vice Chair
Bruno A. Barreiro	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of November, 2013. 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