


MEMORANDUM

August 23, 2017

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018 SESSION

In anticipation of interim committee meetings scheduled to begin in September 2017 and the 2018 legislative session scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, Senate President Joe Negron and Speaker of the House Richard Corcoran announced revised committee assignments.

In general, the membership in most Senate committees was increased to “ensure that quorum was met recognizing Senate rules requiring Senators to present their own bills before committee.” Additionally, the Senate President noted that it is important for each senator to be considered for the opportunity to participate in the committee process based on demonstrated competence, expertise, and interest.

The Senate committees impacting education are as follows:

Senate Appropriations Committee on Education

Senator Kathleen Passidomo, Chair	Senator Tom Lee
Senator Dana Young, Vice Chair	Senator Bill Montford
Senator Doug Broxson	Senator Darryl Rouson
Senator Gary Farmer	Senator Greg Steube
Senator Denise Grimsley	

This committee’s membership increased from eight members to nine (5R-3D to 6R-3D). Additionally, Senator David Simmons will no longer serve as the chair; Senator Kathleen Passidomo will chair the committee instead. The new members of the committee are Senators Kathleen Passidomo and Greg Steube.

Senate Education Committee

Senator Dorothy Hukill, Chair	Senator Keith Perry
Senator Debbie Mayfield, Vice Chair	Senator David Simmons
Senator Lauren Book	Senator Wilton Simpson
Senator Gary Farmer	Senator Linda Stewart
Senator Bill Galvano	Senator Perry Thurston
Senator Tom Lee	

This committee's membership increased from 10 members to 11 (7R-3D to 7R-4D). New to the committee are Senators Lauren Book and Keith Perry. Additionally, Senator Anitere Flores will no longer be a member of the committee.

In the Florida House of Representatives, the main change to the committee structure is that the Public Integrity & Ethics Committee will be treated as a procedural committee, much like the Rules & Policy Committee. In order to ensure all representatives participate in at least one substantive committee, the membership on the Education, Judiciary, Health & Human Services, and Ways & Means Committees was increased to accommodate freshman members from Public Integrity & Ethics.

The House committees impacting education are as follows:

Education Committee

Rep. Michael Bileca, Chair	Rep. Shevrin Jones
Rep. Jennifer Sullivan, Vice Chair	Rep. Chris Latvala
Rep. Larry Ahern	Rep. Larry Lee, Jr.
Rep. Bruce Antone	Rep. Amber Mariano
Rep. Robert Asencio	Rep. Rene Plasencia
Rep. Kamia Brown	Rep. Mel Ponder
Rep. Kimberly Daniels	Rep. Elizabeth Porter
Rep. Manny Diaz, Jr.	Rep. Jake Raburn
Rep. Byron Donalds	Rep. Barrington Russell
Rep. Jay Fant	Rep. Charlie Stone
Rep. Jason Fischer	

PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

Rep. Manny Diaz, Jr., Chair	Rep. Ralph Massullo, Jr.
Rep. Byron Donalds, Vice Chair	Rep. Stan McClain
Rep. Larry Lee, Jr.	Rep. Wengay Newton
Rep. Bruce Antone	Rep. Bobby Payne
Rep. Kamia Brown	Rep. Jake Raburn
Rep. Jason Fischer	Rep. Paul Renner
Rep. Roy Hardemon	Rep. Jennifer Sullivan
Rep. Chris Latvala	

PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

Rep. Chris Latvala, Chair	Rep. Ralph Massullo, Jr.
Rep. Jason Fischer, Vice Chair	Rep. Mel Ponder
Rep. Joseph Abruzzo	Rep. Barrington Russell
Rep. Robert Asencio	Rep. David Santiago
Rep. Bill Hager	Rep. Ross Spano
Rep. Sam Killebrew	Rep. Jennifer Sullivan
Rep. Larry Lee, Jr.	Rep. Patricia Williams
Rep. Tom Leek	

PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

Rep. Jake Raburn, Chair
Rep. Rene Plasencia, Vice Chair
Rep. Bruce Antone
Rep. Kamia Brown
Rep. Colleen Burton
Rep. Tracie Davis
Rep. Byron Donalds

Rep. Erin Grall
Rep. Don Hahnfeldt
Rep. Gayle Harrell
Rep. Shevrin Jones
Rep. Mike La Rosa
Rep. Rick Roth
Rep. Matt Willhite

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