


MEMORANDUM

May 2, 2011

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

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE

As previously reported, HB 307 related to the governance structure of school districts with a population of more than 2 million (Miami-Dade), was fully debated today during its Third Reading by the Florida House. The bill passed by a vote of 76 to 39. The majority of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation voted against; seven members, Representatives Artiles, Bileca, Diaz, Gonzalez, Logan, Lopez-Cantera, and Trujillo voted in favor of the bill. Voting in opposition were Representatives Campbell, Fresen, Garcia, Julien, Nuñez, Saunders, Stafford, Steinberg, and Watson. Representative Bullard was not present.

The Senate companion, SB 778, was temporarily postponed, by the sponsor of the bill, Senator Diaz de la Portilla, last week in Senate Rules Subcommittee on Ethics and Elections.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at 305-995-1497.

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