

MEMORANDUM

May 4, 2011

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

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools *AMC*

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – HB 281/SB 880 RELATED TO THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

On Wednesday, May 3, 2011, one of the Board's priorities SB 880/HB 281, requiring a taxpayer to pay at least 75 percent of his/her tax liability before April 1 of each year, passed the Florida Legislature. The next step is for the bill to go to the Governor for action. The Senate bill, sponsored by Senator Rene Garcia, was heard and passed by a vote of 37 to 1, and the rules were waived and it was read the third time for final passage. This legislation provides the District with an estimated one-time, non-recurring \$30 million budget increase, thereby making the passage of this bill critical as the District faces revenue reductions for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

The bill will now be sent to the Governor for his action. The Governor may take one of three actions, sign the bill into law; veto the bill; or allow the bill to become law without his signature. If the bill is sent to the Governor while the Legislature is in session, he has seven days to take action on the bill, however, if the bill is certified to the Governor after the completion of the legislative session, he has 15 days to take action on the bill.

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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