


MEMORANDUM

May 5, 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 – PASSAGE OF SB 1312 RELATED TO SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

SB 1312, entitled *Healthy Schools for Healthy Lives Act*, passed the Florida Legislature. As you may recall, the Board took an official position in support of this legislation on April 13, 2011, with Agenda Item H-14 sponsored by School Board Member, Mr. Carlos Curbelo. The bill transfers and reassigns functions and responsibilities, including records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations and other resources for the administration of the school food and nutrition programs from the Department of Education to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Furthermore, the bill requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to conduct, supervise, and administer all school food and nutrition programs. The legislation becomes effective upon becoming a law.

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

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