


MEMORANDUM

September 29, 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 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The first week of committee meetings was held in Tallahassee, Florida, leading up to the 2012 legislative session. Both the House and Senate committees related to Education Pre-K - 12 heard reports on Early Childhood, the implementation of legislation such as Senate Bill 736 related to teacher evaluation and performance pay, as well as other legislation passed during the 2011 session.

Staff and the Board's lobbying team took the opportunity to meet with the governor's Education Policy Director and legislative members to discuss sponsorship of the Board's legislative priorities and filing of substantive legislation. Additionally, a ceremonial signing ceremony was held for House Bill 281 related to the Value Adjustment Board process. Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, School Board Chair, traveled to Tallahassee, Florida, to represent the Board for that event.

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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