


MEMORANDUM

September 14, 2011

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

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: AMERICAN JOBS ACT

On September 8, 2011, President Obama outlined the major pieces of a new economic stimulus plan, the American Jobs Act, to a joint session of Congress. The proposed plan provides \$65 billion for education, with \$25 billion for K-12 school modernization to improve facilities at 35,000 schools nationally, and \$30 billion for education to help prevent educator layoffs over the next two years. The total package contains \$245 billion in tax provisions and \$202 billion in additional program assistance, including a one-year extension of unemployment insurance.

Although no legislative language has been provided for the different programs in the proposed package, information provided by the Administration indicates that 40% of the K-12 school construction funds (i.e. \$10 billion) will be provided directly from the federal government to the 100 poorest school districts (based on the number of students living in poverty). There is not sufficient detail regarding the education jobs funding to determine the distribution method as yet.

If you have any questions, 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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