

## MEMORANDUM

June 13, 2011

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

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

**SUBJECT: 2012 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

It is anticipated that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, will consider items for inclusion in the 2012 State and Federal Legislative Programs at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 7, 2011. To ensure that all legislative proposals are received in time for thorough consideration in the process, please submit your proposals directly via email to Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at [imendez@dadeschools.net](mailto:imendez@dadeschools.net), **no later than Friday, July 29, 2011**. Since the 2012 State Legislative Session is scheduled to **begin on Tuesday, January 10, 2012**, attached is a copy of the proposed timeframe for the adoption of the 2012 State and Federal Legislative Programs.

Also attached are copies of an information sheet for Proposed 2012 State and Federal Legislation, a bill form on which the proposed legislative change should be written and an information sheet for federal legislation.

If the legislative proposal is for:

- A totally **new** law, prepare a draft bill using the attached bill form; or
- An **amendment** to an existing law (e.g. changes in wording, additions, deletions), submit a copy of the existing law underlining any new wording and indicating where it is to be inserted and ~~striking through~~ any wording that is to be deleted.

Each legislative proposal should be:

- Well researched;
- Accompanied by a completed information sheet (attached) indicating: an explanation of why the proposal is needed; who would be affected; the fiscal impact, if any; and what arguments may be raised against the proposal with answers for those arguments; and
- Considered in light of its potential impact on other Florida school districts. (Will the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' position be favorable or unfavorable to other districts or have no effect on them?)

Since it is the intention this year to recommend that the School Board's basic legislative program be confined to a limited number of priority items, I request that you recommend only proposal(s) concerning matters of major importance.

If you need assistance, 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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Attachments

cc: School Board Attorney  
Superintendent's Cabinet

**PROPOSED 2012 STATE LEGISLATION  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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**PROPOSAL:**

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