


**MEMORANDUM**

**March 2, 2012**

**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 SENATE BILL 98 – “PRAYER IN SCHOOLS”**

Senate Bill 98, sponsored by Senator Siplin, authorizing school districts to adopt a policy that allows an inspirational message to be delivered by students at a student assembly, passed The Florida Legislature on Thursday, March 1, 2012. The bill provides that school personnel may not participate in, monitor, or review the content of the student's inspirational message.

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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