


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 HOUSE BILL 1191 – “PARENT EMPOWERMENT IN EDUCATION”

House Bill 1191, Parent Empowerment in Education, sponsored by Representative Bileca, passed the Florida House of Representatives on Thursday, March 1, 2012. The bill will now go to the Florida Senate. The Senate companion, Senate Bill 1718, is currently pending a hearing in Senate Budget.

As you may recall, the bill enables parents to request implementation of a parent-selected turnaround option. The turnaround option requested by parents must be considered for implementation by the district school board at a publicly noticed meeting if the petition is signed and dated by a majority of the parents of eligible students. The district school board may adopt the turnaround option selected by parents or a different option selected by the school board. If the district school board does not adopt the parent-selected option, it must include that option with the implementation plan submitted to the State Board of Education. The State Board may approve the district's plan or, if it determines that the parent-selected option is more likely to improve student performance at the school, require the school board to submit a plan for implementing the parent-selected option.

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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