


MEMORANDUM

July 18, 2013

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

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As you know, Congressman Thompson, R-PA, had proffered an amendment to Title I that would have changed the Title I funding formula calculation shifting critical monies from higher poverty urban school districts nationwide to less poor suburban school districts. Florida was scheduled to lose approximately \$106 million of which Miami-Dade would have lost approximately \$25 million.

Due to the efforts of the Florida Congressional Delegation, led by Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, the House Rules Committee did not include the Title I formula change amendment in the package of amendments that will be considered when the ESEA legislation (H.R. 5) comes to the House floor. A late attempt was made to alter the Rule (i.e. the official list of what amendments have been deemed "in order" for the floor) to include the Thompson amendment, but it was defeated by the Rules Committee on a voice vote.

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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cc: School Board Attorney
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