


MEMORANDUM

December 23, 2016

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

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: FLORIDA CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION

The Florida Constitution Revision Commission will convene shortly after the 2017 Legislative Session concludes. The Florida Constitution Commission consists of 37 members as follows: the Governor appoints 15 members; Speaker of the House appoints 9 members; Senate President appoints 9 members; the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court appoints 3 members; and Florida's Attorney General appoints one member. The Commission convenes every 20 years, and its role is to review and recommend changes to the state's constitution. The Commission will hold a series of public hearings throughout the state as part of the development process of proposed constitutional amendments. Any proposed modifications would be presented to Floridians on the ballot during the 2018 general elections. Please keep in mind that any change to Florida's Constitution would require, at minimum, a sixty percent approval from the electorate to pass.

Article XI of the Florida Constitution provides several ways to amend the Constitution:

- The Florida Legislature can propose changes through a Joint Resolution;
- The Constitution Commission that convenes every 20 years;
- Grassroots efforts through signatures can yield changes to Florida's Constitution;
- Constitutional conventions; and
- The Taxation and Budget Commission can recommend taxation and budgetary process changes.

Additional information will be distributed to the Board as it becomes available. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at 305 995-1497.

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