

MEMORANDUM

November 15, 2016

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 – LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Shortly after the elections on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, the Incoming Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives and the Incoming Florida Senate President began naming their respective leadership team. Senator Anitere Flores has been appointed Senate President Pro Temp.

Incoming Florida House Speaker Richard Corcoran has named 11 lawmakers to his leadership team. Some Miami-Dade County representatives were appointed to key leadership positions by Corcoran, including:

- Representative Carlos Trujillo as Chair of the Appropriations Committee;
- Representative Jeanette Nuñez as Speaker Pro Tempore, a top Corcoran lieutenant;
- Representative Jose Oliva, slated to become Florida House Speaker in 2018, as Chair of the Rules & Policy Committee;
- Representative Jose Felix Diaz as Chair of the Commerce Committee; and
- Representative Michael Bileca as Chair of the Education Committee.

The House and Senate will hold an organization session on November 22, 2016, to install new leaders and swear in members. Along with announcing the appointment of Representative Nuñez as Speaker Pro Tempore and other Miami-Dade representatives as committee chairs, Corcoran also named Representative Ray Rodrigues the House Majority Leader. The House will hold training meetings for members the week of December 5, 2016, before the five weeks of committee meetings in January and February of 2017. The 2017 legislative session begins March 7, 2016.

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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