


MEMORANDUM

June 2, 2017

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

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: GOVERNOR, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND SENATE PRESIDENT REACH AGREEMENT ON THE STATE BUDGET AND SPECIAL SESSION FOR JUNE 7-9, 2017

At a press conference held earlier today, the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Senate President announced that they have reached an agreement on various issues in the state's 2017-2018 budget. While the Governor did sign SB 2500, or the state budget, he announced that he will be vetoing the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) as well as HB 5501, which relates to Visit Florida and Enterprise Florida. In addition, the Governor announced a special session for June 7-9, 2017, for the exclusive purpose of considering legislation that provides for an increase in the per pupil funding through the FEFP and related legislation necessary to calculate and implement school funding. In addition, the special session will address legislation providing for comprehensive transparency and accountability measures and funding for Visit Florida and Enterprise Florida.

The Governor announced that the agreement includes:

- An additional \$215 million allocated in the FEFP, which provides an increase of \$100 in per pupil funding in lieu of the current \$24.49;
- \$85 million for Enterprise Florida; and
- \$76 million for Visit Florida to promote tourism in the state.

When asked about HB 7069, the education conforming bill, the Governor stated that it is still being analyzed.

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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