


MEMORANDUM

September 28, 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 – STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES 2017-2018 AGENCY BUDGET REQUEST

On Friday, September 23, 2016, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved its 2017-2018 Operating and Capital Outlay Budget request. In its agency budget request to the Governor, the SBE requested a \$20.9 billion operating budget for school districts statewide through the Florida Education Funding Program (FEFP) with an approximate increase of \$721.6 million, and no change in the 2016-2017 millage rates. Sixty-nine percent or approximately \$499.4 million of the recommended budget increase would come from increased property taxes as a result of a continued improvement in property values statewide. Thirty-one percent or \$222.2 million of the recommended budget increase would be as a result of an additional investment of state funds. Approximately \$200.6 million of the increase is to fund approximately 31,000 additional students. Some of the budget request highlights include:

- Total per FTE increase of \$175.93, or 2.45 percent, from \$7,183.92 to \$7,359.85 per student on a statewide average. The proposed total per student funding is slightly above the total per student funding of \$7,305.79 passed by the 2007 Florida Legislature in its General Appropriations Act;
- Base Student Allocation (BSA) increase by \$119.19 per student from the current \$4,160.71 to \$4,279.90. This increase is approximately a 2.86 percent increase;
- \$43.6 million increase provided for ESE Guaranteed Allocation, bringing the funding to approximately \$1.1 billion;
- \$10 million increase in the current Safe Schools Allocation of \$64.5 million. The recommended allocation for Safe Schools is \$74.5 million which is still below the \$77.1 million allocation passed by the 2007 Florida Legislature;
- \$26.0 million increase in the Supplemental Academic Instruction Allocation for a total of \$736 million;
- \$9.1 million increase in Instructional Materials for total funding of \$237.9 million;
- \$17.4 million increase in Student Transportation for a total of \$452.6 million;
- \$5.1 million increase in the Reading Allocation for a total of \$135.1 million; and
- No increase was proposed for the Digital Classroom Allocation.

In addition, the SBE is requesting \$1.8 billion for fixed capital outlay which includes \$75 million for public schools and an additional \$75 million for charter schools. The SBE's budget request now heads to Governor Scott who will prepare a budget recommendation to the legislature prior to the beginning of the 2017 legislative session, scheduled to begin on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Legislative leaders will consider the Governor's

recommendation in crafting the overall spending plan for the budget year that begins July 1, 2017.

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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