


## MEMORANDUM

December 4, 2017

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

**FROM:** Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

**SUBJECT: CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION UPDATE – NOVEMBER 27-30, 2017**

The Florida Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) met during the week of November 27-30, 2017, and began discussing proposals to modify the Florida Constitution. The CRC committees held workshops and voted on some of the 103 proposed amendments that have been filed to date. The full commission has until May 10, 2018, to file final proposals for voters to consider on the 2018 general election ballot.

The Education Committee of the CRC has nine members: Commissioner Johnson, Chair; Commissioner Washington, Vice Chair; and Commissioners Donalds, Grady, Jordan, Keiser, Levesque, Sprowls, and Stewart. On Monday, November 27, 2017, the Education Committee heard presentations on civic literacy in Florida, class size, and the use of public funds to aid sectarian institutions. In addition, the Committee heard three proposals to change the Florida Constitution as follows:

- P32, sponsored by Commissioner Donalds, would amend Sections 2, 4, and 7 of Article IX to provide that members of the State Board of Education, district school boards, state university boards of trustees, and the Board of Governors of the state university system serve without compensation but be entitled to reimbursement for travel and per diem. The proposal was defeated; however, Commissioner Sprowls requested that the proposal be reconsidered and left pending.
- P33, sponsored by Commissioner Donalds, would create a fifth section in Article IX and require that the superintendent of a school district be appointed by the local district school board. This proposal was approved by the Education Committee with only two dissenting votes.
- P43, sponsored by Commissioner Donalds, would amend Section 4 of Article IX to establish an eight-year term limit for district school board members. This proposal was approved by the Committee.

All CRC committee meetings are open to the public and will be livestreamed by The Florida Channel on [www.TheFloridaChannel.org](http://www.TheFloridaChannel.org). The next committee meetings are scheduled for December 12-14, 2017.

Proposals that are approved in committees would be subject to a final vote by the full commission in order to be placed on the 2018 ballot. Any proposed modifications to the Florida Constitution would then be presented to Floridians on the ballot during the 2018

general election. Any change to Florida's Constitution would require a sixty percent approval from the electorate to pass.

Staff will continue to monitor the CRC and report any developments to the Board. If you have any questions, 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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