

## MEMORANDUM

September 20, 2019

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

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

**SUBJECT: 2020 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – INTERIM COMMITTEE WEEK #1**

The Florida Legislature held its first week of interim committees the week of September 16-20, 2019. As you are aware, the 2020 legislative session is scheduled to begin January 14, 2020.

Ms. Amy Baker, Coordinator for the Office of Economic and Demographic Research, provided both the House and Senate Appropriations committees with a three-year fiscal forecast for the state. While the state has recovered from the recession, she warned the members that the financial conditions are increasingly volatile due to uncertainty over tariffs and concerns regarding economic growth abroad. To that end, Ms. Baker provided the members with the following options to eliminate the proposed budget gap in any given year:

- Budget reductions and reduced program growth;
- Trust funds transfers or sweeps;
- Revenue enhancements; and
- Reserve reductions.

The Senate Education Committee met and heard a presentation on Safety and Security by the Florida Department of Education.

The Senate Judiciary Committee heard and passed SB 142. Sponsored by Senator Jeff Brandes, the bill repeals provisions in the Florida Constitution establishing the Constitution Revision Commission. As a joint resolution, the legislation must be agreed to by three-fifths of the membership of each chamber of the Florida Legislature.

The House Education Committee was provided an overview on Early Learning.

The House PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee heard presentations from the Florida High School Athletics Association and the Florida School Boards Association on health concerns for student athletes. Finally, the Florida Department of Education's Office of Early Learning presented its agency budget requests to the PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee.

The Republican Conference of the Florida House of Representatives elected Representative Chris Sprows from Palm Harbor, Florida, to the position of Republican Leader-designate. He will assume the title of Speaker-designate of the Florida House for the two-year term beginning with the Organization Session of November 2020.

If you have any questions or wish to schedule a briefing, please contact Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at 305 995-2532.

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