

MEMORANDUM

October 28, 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 #3

The Florida Legislature held its third week of interim committees the week of October 21-25, 2019, in preparation for the 2020 Legislative Session scheduled to begin on January 14, 2020.

The Florida Senate held a special session on Executive Order 19-14, which suspended Mr. Scott Israel from the Broward County Sheriff's Office. The Senate Rules Committee met to hear the report on Executive Order 19-14. The meeting agenda included:

- A presentation of the Special Masters advisory report and recommendation by Special Master Dudley Goodlette;
- Comment from the counsel for Governor DeSantis and questions from senators;
- Comment from counsel for Mr. Israel and questions from senators; and
- Public testimony.

Ultimately, the Florida Senate voted 25-15 to uphold the Governor's removal of Sheriff Israel from office.

The House Education Committee met and heard an overview of Florida's system of teacher professional development. Dr. Phil Poekert, Director of the Lastinger Center at the University of Florida, shared the center's evaluation of the system. Key findings described the need for leadership and vision that is grounded in relevant data; professional development offerings that are tailored to teachers' needs; and evidence of impact on teacher and/or student learning. Recommendations discussed during the presentation included the need for job-embedded, competency-based professional learning; leadership development; technology/professional learning environments; coaching and feedback; and pathways/career ladders.

The House PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee met and continued its discussion on health concerns related to student athletes, specifically sudden cardiac arrest, concussion, and heat illness. A presentation was provided by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) and Dr. Kris D. Stowers, M.D., outlining symptoms, best practices for prevention, and treatment for heat illness.

The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee met and heard presentations on Florida classroom teacher compensation. Superintendents from Jackson County, Osceola County, St. Johns County, and Sarasota County provided testimony regarding teacher compensation in their respective counties.

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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