

RESOLUTION NO. 06-50

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution provides that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of Florida and a paramount duty of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution creates a clear mandate for a uniform and high quality education system and for the State of make adequate provision for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Florida is one of the leaders in the nation in mandating public school educational accountability measures that the School Board of Miami-Dade County has improved its overall grade from C to B in the state accountability systems; and

WHEREAS, the number of schools in Miami-Dade County, Florida, receiving a letter grade of A increased to 48 percent – highest percentage ever – and 1,814 fewer third graders are at risk of being held back due to reading scores; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has constructed 18,000 new student seats to address overcrowding using local funds – more than three times the number planned by prior administrations – although the majority of state Classrooms for Kids allocations have gone to school districts without documented capital outlay needs; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, will need approximately \$136 million in new monies above current funding levels to continue these initiatives, but the recent change in District Cost Differential could reduce the district's share of annual funding by as much as \$78 million; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay believes that funding a high-quality education system is an investment in the ability to compete nationally and globally in the marketplace and that adequate funding is needed to achieve a high-quality education system measured by student achievement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida, expresses its support of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' legislative initiative and requests that the Florida Legislature:

- Appropriate adequate funding to raise Miami-Dade's per-pupil funding sufficient to provide a rigorous, high quality educational experience for every student and continue initiatives that are successfully raising student achievement in the District; and

- Use non-recurring funds to mitigate 100 percent of the loss due to the modification to the District Cost Differential; and
- Amend the Classrooms for Kids allocation formula for capital outlay funding to reflect actual capital outlay need.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1 day of May, 2006.

Attest:

  
 Meighan Pier  
 Village Clerk

  
 Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.  
 Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
 Eve Boutsis,  
 Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Ed Feller	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Paul Neidhart	<u>YES</u>
Council Member John Breder	<u>YES</u>
Vice-Mayor Linda Robinson	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.	<u>YES</u>

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