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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-106

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Mayor Eugene Flinn.)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council desire to establish their legislative agenda items and to express their concerns as to State legislative items; and,

WHEREAS, the Educational Advisory Committee of the Village of Palmetto Bay has vetted the 2016 Legislative Agenda of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and supports the priorities of same; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Village Council supports the Miami-Dade County Public School's (MDCPS) priorities relating to its legislative agenda.

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

Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified as true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Village hereby files its support of the legislative agenda item as identified in the Miami-Dade County Public School 2016 State Legislative Priority Positions for the Florida Legislature, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Section 3. The Village Clerk shall provide executed copies of this resolution to the Village's lobbyist, and to the Florida Legislature, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, each member of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, each member of the Miami-Dade County School Board, as well as each municipal clerk in Miami-Dade County for the purpose of distributing copies to members of their respective governing councils.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

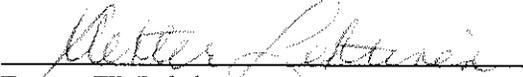
PASSED and ADOPTED this 7th day of December, 2015.

Attest: 
Meighan Alexander
Village Clerk


Eugene Flinn
Mayor

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE
USE AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY ONLY:



Dexter W. Lehtinen
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

- Council Member Karyn Cunningham YES
- Council Member Tim Schaffer YES
- Council Member Larissa Siegel Lara YES
- Vice-Mayor John DuBois YES
- Mayor Eugene Flinn YES



2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY POSITIONS
Miami-Dade County Public Schools

FUNDING:

- Increase the current per student funding of \$7,096.96 by 5 percent to \$7,452 total per student.
- Increase Safe Schools funding to pre-recessionary levels of \$77.1 million and revise formula so that each district gets 50 percent of its previous year's actual expenditures from the state.
- Increase Exceptional Student Education funding to pre-recessionary levels of \$1.1 billion.
- Modify the calculation of the FTE at 1.0 to exclude virtual courses taken during the summer and the proration of both ESE and ELL weights.
- Extend and fund a longer school year for all students.
- Support maximum flexibility in the use of funds appropriated.
- Oppose unfunded state mandates.

PROPERTY TAX VALUATION:

Revise the Value Adjustment Board proceedings to require:

- Proof of the property owner's consent/knowledge of the appeal;
- Limit the rescheduling to only one for good cause;
- Payment of interest at the market rate;
- Require the VAB to finish all appeals and certify the final tax roll to the property appraiser (PA) by June 1st of each year;
- Allow school districts to audit the VAB and PA;
- Require a review by the state of PA's process when the PA's estimate on July 1st is two percent or more than the state estimate for three or more consecutive years

Bills: SB by Sen. Flores/ **HB** by Rep. Avila

CAPITAL FUNDING:

- Fully fund provisions of Florida Statute 1013.64 pertaining to the Public Education Capital Outlay Program that involve construction and maintenance programs of public school districts.
- Oppose any diversion of Local Discretionary Capital Outlay levy revenue from traditional public schools to charter schools.

SREF FLEXIBILITY

- Provide local school districts the flexibility to use the Florida Building Code in lieu of the State Requirements for Educational Facilities.
- Bills: SB 442** by Sen. Flores/ **HB 119** by Rep. Bileca

ACCOUNTABILITY:

- Provide a transitional period for school, district accountability and teacher evaluation as the state transitions to a new assessment tool.



- Limit computer-based testing and provide a paper and pencil option
- Ensure that learning gains are factored into the school grade.

ACADEMICS:

- Establish a state Seal of Biliteracy to recognize students who have attained proficiency in English and one or more world languages.

SAFETY:

- Amend F.S. 514.011 to include a portable pool used exclusively for the purpose of providing swimming lessons or related instruction in support of an educational program provided by the local school board as a "private pool" for purposes of the exemptions provided under s. 514.0113.

VIRTUAL EDUCATION:

- Modify the requirement to offer two instead of three different virtual offerings to students in every grade level.
- Eliminate the requirement for a student to have attended a public school in the state the prior year to be enrolled and reported by the school district for funding for virtual programs.