



MEMORANDUM

Roger Coriat
Council Member, Seat 3

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council

From: Roger Coriat, Council Member, Seat 3

Date: October 16, 2019

Re: Supporting the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Board:
2020 State Legislative Program

REQUEST

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD'S 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In April 2012, the Town of Cutler Bay Town Council adopted Resolution No. 12-21 approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools ("MDCPS") Board for purposing of establishing additional education choices within the Town. The Town desires to express its support of the MDCPS 2020 State of Florida Legislative Program.

The MDCPS Board has approved the following top priorities for the upcoming legislative session:

- Increasing the Base Student Allocation (BSA) by five percent, which can be achieved by discontinuing the policy of rolling back the Required Local Effort rate;
- Implementing a revised District Cost Differential that takes into account cost differences integral to educational institutions' operations reflecting such costs as average teacher salaries, health insurance for employees, property insurance per FTE, as well housing and transportation costs per FTE;
- Extending the authorization of the locally-voted levy for operating purposes from four years to 10 years;
- Funding select student programs beyond the 1.0 FTE cap or 25 hours a week, such as dual enrollment or virtual classes outside the traditional school day and year; and

- Amending the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Safety Act to expand the pool of allowable options and the pool of candidates that can serve as school safety security officers at public schools.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Town Council approve the attached Resolution supporting the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Board's 2020 State of Florida Legislative Program.

