



Town of Cutler Bay

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Memorandum

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To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council

From: Council Member Roger Coriat, Seat 3

Date: January 20, 2021

Re: **Supporting the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Board:**
2021 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 2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools ("MDCPS") is a public school district serving Miami-Dade County, in the U.S. State of Florida. Founded in 1885, MDCPS is the largest school district in Florida and the Southeastern United States, and, as of 2020, the fourth largest in the United States.

In April 2012, the Town of Cutler Bay (the "Town") Council adopted Resolution No. 12-21 approving an Interlocal Agreement with the MDCPS Board for purpose of establishing additional education choices within the Town. The Town desires to express its support of the MDCPS 2021 State of Florida Legislative Program.

The M-DCPS Board has approved the following top priorities for the upcoming legislative session:

- Holding school district operational funding harmless by mitigating any FTE enrollment declines experienced by districts and any impact of state budget shortfalls by fully funding districts based on the 2019-2020 fourth FTE calculation and minimally providing per student funding at 2020-2021 levels or \$7,793.01 (statewide) and \$7,941.46 for Miami-Dade;
- Waiving all sanctions related to the Florida Statewide Assessment Program, including but not limited to third grade promotion, end-of-course calculations, graduation test requirements, performance evaluations of instructional and administrative staff, and school and district grades;
- Continuing the Funding Compression and Hold Harmless Allocation formula established during the 2020 legislative session to address inequities of the current District Cost Differential calculation;

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- Supporting funding to offer an extended school day and year beyond 180 days for all students to address learning loss as a result of required school closures due to COVID-19; and
- Continuing to invest in teacher salaries by continuing to fund the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Town Council approve the attached Resolution, which supports the MDCPS 2021 State of Florida Legislative Program.