

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA URGE FLORIDA GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT TO VETO HB 7069 AND LINE-ITEM VETO THE FLORIDA EDUCATION FINANCE PROGRAM (FEFP) COMPONENT OF THE PROPOSED STATE BUDGET

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On Monday, May 8, 2017, the Florida House and Senate passed the proposed 2017-2018 state budget and pertinent conforming bills, including HB 7069. While this bill addresses and includes several key points of the Board's 2017 State Legislative Program, it also includes provisions that the Board has strongly opposed.

Among the issues of concern in the bill are the required sharing of capital outlay millage, and the limitations on the Board's allocation of Title I funds. These issues will have a significant impact on our school district financially and operationally. The required sharing of the capital outlay millage is estimated to negatively impact the District's capital budget by \$25 million in 2017-2018 and spiral to \$60 million by 2020-2021. Additionally, the District also must prepare for a decrease in state education funds and a significant loss in the constitutional authority of local school boards.

The proposed state budget is completely misaligned with the needs of public schools and our students. The budget includes provisions reducing the Base Student Allocation by \$27.08. The proposed budget is insufficient to cover Miami-Dade County Public Schools' projected cost increases for 2017-2018. As The School Board of Miami-Dade County, it is our duty to oppose any legislation that may be detrimental to students in our public schools. As such, it is appropriate for the Board to send correspondence urging Florida Governor Rick Scott to veto HB 7069 as well as line-item veto the FEFP component of the proposed state budget.

As of the time of this item being published, the bill had not been certified to the Governor. Once the Governor receives the bill, the Governor has 15 days to act on it. This item does not appear in the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published agenda in order to timely advocate for a veto from the Governor.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida urge, by appropriate means, Florida Governor Rick Scott to veto HB 7069 and line-item veto the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) component of the proposed state budget.

**Good Cause
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