

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES
SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS'
LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE AND REQUESTING ACTION FROM THE
FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

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 to make adequate provision for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, will need approximately \$100 million in new monies above current funding levels to continue current program offerings; and

WHEREAS, Florida employers consistently rank improving education and workforce development as top concerns to the success of their business, and a highly qualified trained workforce is critical to strengthening our business climate; and

WHEREAS, the education system needs to respond to the workforce needs of Florida's employers, including programs that expand career academies in high schools, aligning career education with industry standards and workforce demands, and expanding options for students to continue their education and enter the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the pre-K-20 education system is a key foundation for Florida's future providing the talent base for economic diversification and an economic engine for the knowledge economy, and Florida should continue to move its education system at all levels (pre-K-20) into the top quartile in education quality, student rankings and graduation rates based on national standards;

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables believes that funding a high-quality education system is an investment in the ability to compete nationally and globally in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables believes that adequate funding is needed to achieve a high-quality education system measured by student achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:

The City of Coral Gables supports the Miami-Dade County Public Schools; legislative initiative and requests that the Florida Legislature:

- Appropriate funding increase of at least \$100 million in order to maintain current program offerings, meet rising costs of insurance, utilities and labor contracts;
- Amend the Classrooms for Kids allocation formula for capital outlay funding to reflect actual capital outlay need;
- Oppose legislation that reduces the number of in-service hours required of teacher providing instruction to English Language Learners; and
- Oppose any attempt to modify gifted program criteria that would limit gifted program offerings to our students

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2008

DONALD D. SLESNICK II
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ
CITY ATTORNEY