

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' 2009 STATE AND LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS.

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;

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;

Whereas, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has experienced significant budget reductions of nearly \$300 million;

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 as critical to strengthening our business climate;

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

Whereas, the Pre-K-20 education system is the 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 our state's and our community's 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 gains in student achievement;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

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

- Fullfill its commitment to hold school district operational and capital funding harmless from the impact of property tax reform and budget shortfalls by funding the student enrollment at minimally 2008-2009 levels of \$6,968.29;
- Restore the local Discretionary Capital Outlay levy to 2-mills; and
- Oppose legislation that reduces the number of in-service hours required of teachers providing instruction to English Language Learners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2009.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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INTERIM CITY CLERK

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