

**MEMORANDUM**

**March 23, 2011**

**TO:** The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

**FROM:** Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools *AMC*

**SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE**

HB 307, filed by Representative Logan, relating to the modification of the current governance structure for The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has been scheduled for a committee hearing today in House Government Operations Subcommittee. As you may recall, this bill cleared its first committee of reference, becoming a proposed committee substitute or PCS, last week. The legislation would change the current 9 single-member districts to 7 single-member districts with 2 at-large districts. In addition, the legislation would make the at-large members chair and vice-chair for the length of the term, limiting members' opportunity for leadership roles. As you may recall, the concept was discussed at the Board retreat on January 26, 2011. The Senate companion is SB 778 filed by Senator Diaz de la Portilla, has not been scheduled for a hearing as of close of business Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at 305-995-1497.

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