

**MEMORANDUM**

**April 29, 2011**

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

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



**SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL LETTER FROM PTA/PTSAs ON HOUSE BILL 307**

Attached is a letter dated April 29, 2011, from the Miami-Dade County Council of PTA/PTSAs regarding House Bill 307. Last night the Council took an official position to oppose the bill. Ms. Carolyn Nelson-Goedert, Miami-Dade County Council PTA/PTSA President, has transmitted the letter to all members of The Florida Legislature.

HB 307 bill is scheduled to be considered on third reading for final passage by the Florida House of Representatives today.

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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Attachment

cc: School Board Attorney  
Superintendent's Cabinet

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The Honorable Carlos Lopez-Cantera, Chairman  
Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation  
Room 322, The Capitol  
S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

**RE: House Bill 307**

Dear Chairman Lopez-Cantera:

I am writing on behalf of the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs, representing over 56,000 member-advocates county-wide, to inform you of our **OPPOSITION** to HB 307, sponsored by Representative Anna Rivas Logan, pertaining to School Board Governance.

Last evening prior to our general meeting we were made aware of false comments made by Representative Logan, during yesterday's consideration of the bill on the House Floor. We would like to inform you that Representative Logan's comments do not reflect our organization's position on this bill. By way of this letter, we would like to clarify that, our board has not expressed said support and these statements cause us great concern.

At our general meeting last night, members of our organization voiced their adamant opposition and concern regarding this legislation which is unwarranted and highly destructive to our community at large. During the meeting, members entertained a motion to oppose HB 307 and the motion was passed unanimously. Again, we would like to restate that prior to last night; the Council had not taken any position on this bill. For the sponsor to state otherwise was, at best, disingenuous.

The Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs believes that HB 307 will restrict the voice of minority communities, preventing them from ever leading the Miami-Dade School Board. Additionally, it violates the court approved Consent Decree under which Miami-Dade County Public Schools operate. We **URGE** you to oppose this bill and to stop it from moving forward in the legislative process, as it does not represent the will of our community. Please withdraw this bill from further consideration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 786-512-3995.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Nelson-Goedert  
President

cc: Members of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation  
The School Board of Miami-Dade County  
The Florida House of Representatives  
The Florida Senate

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