

**MEMORANDUM**

**April 21, 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 - HB 281/SB880 RELATED TO THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD**

One of the Board's priorities, HB 281, requiring a taxpayer to pay at least 75 percent of his/her tax liability before April 1 of each year, passed its last committee of reference, the House Finance and Tax Committee, by a vote of 20-0. Therefore, the bill is positioned to be placed on the House Calendar for second reading and passage from the Florida House of Representatives as early as next week. This bill provides the District with a one-time, non-recurring \$30 million budget increase, thereby making the passage of this bill increasingly important as the District faces revenue reductions of at least \$100 million for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

The Senate companion bill, SB 880, has been scheduled for a hearing at the Senate Budget Committee on Monday, April 25, 2011. If you have any questions or need additional information, 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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