


**MEMORANDUM**

**April 26, 2011**

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

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

**SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – SB 880 RELATED TO THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD**

On Monday, April 25, 2011, SB 880, filed by Senator Garcia, pertaining to the Value Adjustment Board, passed the Senate Budget Committee, with only one no vote by Senator Thrasher. This was the last committee of reference in the Senate, therefore the bill is now positioned to be placed on the Senate Calendar for Second Reading and final passage by the Florida Senate.

As you recall, last week the House companion bill, 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 pass and has been placed on the House Calendar for Second Reading. This bill provides the District with an estimated 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.

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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