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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO SCHEDULE A SCHOOL BOARD FORUM WITH THE DADE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO PRESENT AND DISCUSS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS) ACHIEVEMENTS, POLICIES, AND FUNDING NEEDS**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) continues to achieve remarkable results in student achievement gains. For the first time since the State of Florida started assigning school performance grades in 1999, M-DCPS has no “F” schools. This past year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools’ magnets received numerous national recognitions and awards. And just recently, the results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) were released and M-DCPS fourth graders ranked #1 in Reading and #2 in Mathematics.

These exceptional achievements have been made with outstanding leadership from the School Board and the Superintendent and with a clear emphasis on our main goal, student achievement. Our school-site administrators, teachers, parents, students, and all our stakeholders also deserve a lot of credit. Nonetheless, it is of extreme importance for our Dade Legislative Delegation to recognize that these achievements have been made during some very difficult financial times and our funding needs in Miami-Dade County are definitely different than other school districts in the state. M-DCPS is grateful for their continuous efforts and discussions need to remain positive and hopeful as we undertake new challenges. Therefore, this agenda item requests authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to schedule a School Board Forum with the Dade Legislative Delegation to present and discuss M-DCPS achievements, policies, and funding needs.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney’s office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools to schedule a School Board Forum with the Dade Legislative Delegation to present and discuss Miami-Dade County Public Schools achievements, policies, and funding needs, within the next three to six months.

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