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Parent Subcommittee on District and School Budget Priorities Family and Community Involvement Budget Advisory Subcommittee Miami-Dade County Public Schools

1450 NE 2nd Avenue, Conference Room 916 & Zoom Meeting
Miami, FL 33132

Monday, April 10, 2023

Voting Members Present:

Ms. Beverly Heller	Ms. Laura Philpot	Ms. Zoraida Serret
Ms. Mina Hosseini	Mr. Elias Seife	Ms. Meriel C. Seymore

Voting Members Present Via Zoom:

Mr. Scot Evans	Ms. Maria Norton	Mr. Antonio White
Ms. Janielle Murphy	Ms. Nadeige Thereseas-Joisil	

Voting Members Excused/Absent:

Ms. Isabelle Exume (A)	Mr. James Lopez (A)	Dr. Lisa Robertson (A)
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Others Physically Present/Via Zoom:

Mr. Luis Cerros	Ms. Tabitha G. Fazzino	Mr. Ron Y. Steiger
Ms. Nicole Crooks	Ms. Karelys Hernandez	
Ms. Martha M. Diaz	Ms. Aillette Rodriguez-Diaz	

I. Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order by the Parent Subcommittee Chair Ms. Mina Hosseini at 5:32 pm. A quorum was not established. Those present introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes for March 13, 2023: As there was not a quorum present, voting on approval of the minutes of the March 13, 2023, Parent Subcommittee on District and School Budget Priorities, was tabled for the time being.

Meeting convened with reports only.

Ms. Tabitha G. Fazzino, Chief Intergovernmental Affairs & Family and Community Engagement Officer, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs & Family and Community Engagement, gave the following updates on legislature:

- As of today, Monday, April 10, 2023, 19 bills have passed. Three major issues that passed were:
 - HB-1 Universal Choice
 - Income cap was removed.
 - Can be used for private school tuition, instructional materials, tutoring, to enroll part time in public schools, and more.
 - SB-102 Workforce Housing

- HB-543 Public Safety – permitless concealed carry.
 - There is nothing in this bill that changes the prohibition from bringing firearms into school campuses.
- District Cost Differential (DCD) name changed to Comparable Wage Factor
 - No longer looking at the “basket of goods” but at wages.
- The House has collapsed a number of Categoricals and included them into the Base Student Allocation (BSA)
 - Dollars for Safe Schools and Mental Health and others, a total of nine categoricals have been included in the BSA.
 - This is not a real net increase.
- Extreme potential cost impact coming as a result of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) rates increases as well as necessary inflation costs.
- There will be another Revenue Estimating Conference which will provide new estimates including HB-1.
- SB-112 Middle School and High School Start Times.
 - Proposal to modify start time for schools. If passed, middle schools would start no earlier than 8 am and high schools no earlier than 8:30 am. The goal is to give teenagers more time to sleep. However, there are other factors to be considered, particularly in communities where kids need to work to help their families. It will also impact sports activities, transportation, and other issues. Looking at implementation date of 2026.
- SB-1328 and HB-1259. These proposals impact how Charter schools receive Capital funding. If these dollars are not allocated by the legislature, then it impacts the District’s 1.5 Mills, which are the dollars that we use to fund our five-year capital plan. The potential impact is significant. The Senate bill was amended to not impact all districts and only impact those districts with over 100,000 enrollments.

The committee discussed, provided comments, questions, and concerns which were addressed by Ms. Fazzino.

Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer, Financial Services, gave the following updates on House and Senate Proposal for FY 2023-24:

- We start our budget process for next year, with an estimated number of 370,000 kids funded by the taxpayers.
- House vs. Senate Budget Proposals (Chart on page 3). It is very difficult to compare the House and the Senate because the Senate is doing something different this year. From a budgeting perspective, the Senate is saying that the Scholarship kids are different from the public schools and the Charter schools’ kids. The Senate is putting the scholarship kids in a different category. The Senate has created a new categorical: *The Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES)* and it is capped.
- The House has capped the Home school students categorical at 10,000 a year.
- In HB-1 there is no cap on the number of scholarships for Exceptional Student Education (ESE) or basic kids.

- On Friday, April 14, 2023, the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) will hold a new FTE Conference to predict the number of kids for next year.
- This year the House is including Mental Health and Teacher Salary Increase allocation as part of the BSA.

House vs. Senate Budget Proposals

	FY 2022/23 3rd Calc	FY 2023/24 House Proposal	VARIANCE	FY 2023/24 Senate Proposal	VARIANCE
Unweighted FTE*	351,326.88	360,156.20	8,829.32	365,367.20	14,040.32
\$ per uFTE	\$ 8,334.32	\$ 8,834.89	\$ 500.57	\$ 8,748.63	\$ 414.31
(\$ in millions)					
State Funding	\$ 1,238.9	\$ 1,321.2	\$ 82.3	\$ 1,335.7	\$ 96.8
Local Funding	1,689.1	1,860.7	171.6	1,860.7	171.6
Total Funding	\$ 2,928.0	\$ 3,181.9	\$ 253.9	\$ 3,196.4	\$ 268.4
Mental Health Assistance**			-		(1.8)
Teacher Salary Increase Allocation**			-		(21.3)
State-Funded Discretionary Supplement***			(64.9)		-
Charter & FES FTE Growth (net of Workload Decrease)			(60.0)		(108.5)
True Increase/(Decrease)			\$ 129.0		\$ 136.8

Notes:

* Adjusted to include Family Empowerment Scholarship FTE in Senate figures for comparison sake

** House proposal includes Mental Health Assist. & Teacher Salary Incr. as part of Base Student Allocation (BSA) without specific amounts for either allocation.

*** House proposal establishes a State-Funded Discretionary Supplement categorical allocation, however, this allocation is solely for scholarship students.

The committee discussed, provided comments, questions, and concerns which were addressed by Mr. Steiger.

IV. New Business: None

V: Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.