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**District and School Budget Priorities Parent Subcommittee
Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
1450 N.E. 2 Avenue, Room 916
Miami, FL 33132
Monday, October 24, 2016**

Members Present: Mr. Eddy Barea, Ms. Lilana Barrios, Ms. Isabelle Exume, Ms. Belkis Gutierrez, Ms. Beverly Heller, Ms. Jacqueline Perez, Ms. Laura Philpot, Ms. Lorraine Real, Ms. Karen Rivo, Mr. Elias Seife, Ms. Meriel Seymore, Mr. Thomas Spaulding, Mr. Charles Viscito.

Members Excused Absent: Ms. Anita Berg, Mr. Joseph Gebara, Mr. Wade Jones, Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla, Dr. Nancy Lawther, Ms. Jennifer Moon.

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho, Mrs. Judith Marte, Ms. Irida Mendez-Cartaya, Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Ms. Marie Izquierdo, Ms. Melba Brito, Ms. Cynthia Gracia, Ms. Lisette Alves, Ms. Angela Lozano, Ms. Angela Jones, Ms. Liz Hernandez, Ms. Caridad Reboyro, Ms. Elizabeth Perdomo.

I. Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Charles Viscito, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. He welcomed committee, staff and guests, wishing them a Happy New Year as we adventure into this school year. He asked for introduction and they were made.

II. Elections: Mr. Charles Viscito thanked the members for his tenure of being their chair over the last couple years. He relinquished the chair and turned it over to Mrs. Marte, Chief Financial Officer, for the election of officers. Mrs. Marte explained there are two ways that one can be nominated, either by another committee member or by self-nomination. Mrs. Marte then opened the floor for nomination for Chair. Ms. Beverly Heller nominated Mr. Viscito and Ms. Jacqueline Perez seconded. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Marte asked Mr. Viscito does he accept the nomination and he replied yes. A motion was made, the committee voted and the nominee for chair was accepted unanimously. Mrs. Marte then asked the members for nominations for Vice-Chair. Then she read a note from Ms. Jennifer Moon, who was not present, for self-nomination of the vice-chair position. There were no other nominations. Ms. Karen Rivo nominated Ms. Jennifer Moon for vice-chair and Mr. Lorraine Real seconded. A motion was made, the committee voted and the nominee for vice-chair was accepted unanimously. Mrs. Marte advised the committee that the minutes will reflect for the FY 2016-17 Budget Development Cycle the Chair is Mr. Charles Viscito and the Vice-Chair is Ms. Jennifer Moon.

Mrs. Marte thanked everyone for being a remarkable committee. She thanked them all for the countless hours and for dedicated work. "This committee is a voice in our schools, throughout our communities and an advocate in Tallahassee. You all are well recognized in this district for your distinguish contributions year after year. I, the Superintendent, as well as other administrators, have mentioned your work in other district meetings and after they have heard your accomplishments, they too want to organize a parent committee such as this."

III. Bilingual Education:

Ms. Marie Izquierdo, Chief Academic Officer, advised all that she along with staff will be presenting on tonight's topic. First, she thanked the committee for their dedicated service to the school system. She said this committee has been an intricate part to revamping the delivery of the bilingual programs. The District has had a whole reset of our World Language and Bilingual Programs delivery and are still refining it. Her office has closed out our work with the Bilingual Task Force, which has been very instrumental in providing recommendations to the Superintendent and Cabinet and then communicated the recommendations to the School Board. We have worked earnestly with the

elementary level in respect to the World Language programs and the implementation of Extended Foreign Language (EFL). These programs have been amplified over the last few years. Going forward into the new school year, we have launched several new programs, new materials and the administering of innovative instructional development. All these methods have been a substantial plus for the school system. Ms. Lisette Alves, Assistant Superintendent will now continue the presentation.

Ms. Alves pointed to the slide presentation. This illustration encompasses what we proffer under our department, a vast array of Bilingual Language and World Language programs. We also oversee other programs along with Magnet programs. The Bilingual program encompasses programs to aid in producing students who can communicate orally and in writing with proficiency. To further explain these programs, Ms. Melba Brito, Administrator Director, will continue.

Ms. Brito explained the dual programs that we have in our district, starting with the BISO program, which has been around since 1963. There are 12 schools that have the BISO program, which consists of 60 minutes in English and 40 minutes in a targeted language. We offer World Language at the secondary level as an elective. We currently have 30 languages that are offered. We also have an International program K-12, where we have partnerships with numerous foreign governments. This is a cultural experience for our students who are a part of this program. Ms. Alves interjected, that we have had a very successful world language professional development for our teachers this year. Teachers have been very successful in the professional development and they have been enthusiastic in learning the material. This results in instructional learning for our students, because our teachers are familiar with the material. The two slides show "What's New" and the Bilingual Education and World Language 2016-17 initiatives as follow:

- An additional \$3.2 million in World Language materials for K-12 for Spanish and French
 - K-5 World Language Spanish – Descubre el Español con Santillana,
 - 6-12 World Language Spanish – Español Santillana
 - 6-8 World Language French – Bien Dit
 - 9-12 World Language French – T'es Branché
- Approximately, \$300,000 in Professional Development to support World Language Instruction
- Extended Foreign Language – Maravillas in \$4.9 million

Bilingual Education and World Language 2016-17 Initiatives

- World Language Program Launch
- Florida Seal of Biliteracy
- LabelFrancEducation
- Title III Grant
- iWorld Program

Ms. Izquierdo advised the chair that their presentation was completed and that the floor may be opened for questions. The floor was opened for questions and answers were provided. The Chair and Mrs. Marte thanked Ms. Izquierdo, Ms. Alves and staff for coming and presenting on the bilingual and world language programs.

IV. The Superintendent of Schools:

The Superintendent of Schools Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho gave accolades to the Parent committee for their diligent work and countless hours they gave. He stated as we go forward in this new school year, let us be reminded of what occurred last year and the 1% increase from the state. We may be facing again. The district with staff has feverishly been working to ensure the best education is provided for our children. Working together and being a voice where needed will be a factor to get things done. Thank you all again for caring and being a voice for our school district, where our children matter.

V. Update on Legislative Platform:

Ms. Iraida Mendez Cartaya, Associate Superintendent, stated that the 2017 legislation session is

scheduled to begin March 2017. In the meanwhile we are waiting for the election to be completed. In preparation for this, the Office of Economic and Demographics has started giving information to the joint legislation budget committee.

For the fiscal year 2017-18 the state budget will be around \$82 billion. Against this revenue there are an excess of expenditures already in place from the current policy. As the state moves forward, they are looking at deficiencies in the billions already. The budget for the state of Florida looks precarious. In preparation for the budget recommendations, the governor has to submit his budget to the Florida Legislature. Agencies have begun submitting their requests to the Governor. The State Board of Education in September has adopted a requested budget for FY 2017-18 of a \$722 million increase, which is equated to 2.45%.

When we received the 1% increase budget from the State, the Superintendent and staff, hoped that this abnormality will not occur again. The abnormality was the result, when the House had us at an increase about 3.5% and the Senate increase was at 2.5%. Because of the tax policy decisions that were made by the Florida Legislature, we ended up with a 1% increase in the Required Local Effort (RLE), which funds the public education. This abnormality may not be finished. As we press forward we are putting in place priorities that we are looking to address. What I have distributed earlier, in anticipation of this upcoming session, the board has adopted its priorities within these seven pages. Here are some of those Priorities are as follows:

- Increase the state's investment in K-12 education by increasing the Base Student Allocation (BSA) by five percent annually to allow school districts to enhance salaries.
- District Cost Differential (DCD) to support a study on variable on the DCD. To properly have the distribution to our school district resulting in favorable impact, instead of a deficit.
- Increase Safe Schools funding and revise allocation formula so that each district's allocation is equal to fifty percent of prior year eligible district expenditures.
- To streamline proper channels for having accommodations accessible for students with exceptional requirements automatically setup when testing such as the ACT, SAT, AP, etc.
- Support state funding for a high-quality, full-day Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program for all eligible students.
- Teacher shortage to implement and fund strategies, such as teacher fellowships and loan forgiveness programs to encourage and attract talented students to enter into the field of education.
- Safety for children is a high priority. We are proposing legislation to make penalty for unlawful fire arm within a 1,000 feet of a school to increase the penalties associated with this ruling.
- Provide school districts flexibility to use the Florida Building Code in lieu of the State Required Education Facilities (SREF).
- Civic engagement to amend F.S. 94.041 to allow citizens who will be 18 years old by the time of the November general elections to vote in the Florida Primary Elections.

Ms. Mendez-Cartaya advised the chair that her presentation was complete and that the floor may be opened for questions. The floor was opened for questions and answers were provided. The Chair with Mrs. Marte and the committee applauded Ms. Mendez-Cartaya for coming and presenting.

VI. Items for FY 2015-16 Carryover:

Mr. Viscito recommended that as a starting point that last year's two lists, the Budget Adjustment List and the Innovation and Academic Excellence Wish List, be combined into one high level Wish List, with the Wish List being condensed and modified based upon input from subcommittee members. Mr. Viscito further recommended that the subcommittee's goal this year should be to create a formal more detailed subcommittee Request List of one to three items for consideration by the Superintendent in the 2017-18 budgets. He suggested that items for the Request List would have to be approved by the subcommittee to be sized for financial impact by the Budget Office. After discussion, review and consideration of an item that was formally sized for financial impact by the Budget Office, a member could make a motion to place the item on the formal Request List for further consideration in the April

and May subcommittee meetings. Mr. Viscito suggested that items that were being requested to be sized for financial impact by the Budget Office should be in writing for subcommittee consideration. After further discussion by the subcommittee regarding written submissions, Mr. Viscito suggested that the goal should be to request the item in writing for consideration, even with short limited details, so that the subcommittee has a clear understanding of the request and so that the Budget Office has a clear understanding of what should be evaluated and sized. It was suggested by Ms. Marte that subcommittee members email Ron and herself regarding items in the combined Wish List that individual members would like to request to remain on the Wish List for 2016-17 carryovers for review and discussion at the next meeting.

VII. Calendar for FY 2016-17:

Mrs. Marte addressed the chair and committee to please advise on the meeting dates for the upcoming year. It was proposed that the meeting would occur on the first Monday of the month at the same time 5:30 p.m. Ms. Angela Lozano, Director of the Community Engagement expressed concern that several committees met in the district the first Monday of the month. Please consider the second Monday of the month to meet. The committee conferred and a vote was made to accept the second Monday of the month to meet. The meetings dates are as follows at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 916:

November 14, 2016
December 12, 2016
January 9, 2017
February 13, 2017
March 13, 2017
April to be TBD (*due to spring recess*)
May 8, 2017
June 12, 2017

Mrs. Marte and Mr. Viscito thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.