

RESOLUTION NO. 09-723

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL'S LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO FORWARD THE RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution provides that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of Florida and a paramount duty of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution creates a clear mandate for a uniform and high quality education system and for the State to make adequate provision for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has experienced significant budget reductions of nearly \$300 million; and

WHEREAS, Florida employers consistently rank improving education and workforce development as top concerns to the success of their business, and a highly qualified, trained workforce as critical to strengthening our business climate; and

WHEREAS, the education system needs to respond to the workforce needs of Florida's employers, including programs that expand career academies in high schools, align career education with industry standards and workforce demands, and expand options for students to continue their education and enter the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Pre-K-20 education system is the foundation of Florida's future, providing the talent base for economic diversification and an economic engine for the knowledge economy, and Florida should continue to move its education system at all levels (Pre-K-20) into the top quartile in education quality, student rankings and graduation rates based on national standards; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes believes that funding a high-quality education system is an investment in our state's and our community's ability to compete nationally and globally in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes believes that adequate funding is needed to achieve a high-quality education system measured by gains in student achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Support. The Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes supports Miami-Dade County Public Schools' legislative initiative and requests that the Florida Legislature:

- a. Fulfill its commitment to hold school district operational and capital funding harmless from the impact of property tax reform and budget shortfalls by funding the student enrollment at minimally 2008-2009 levels of \$6,968.29;
- b. Restore the local Discretionary Capital Outlay level to 2-mills; and
- c. Oppose legislation that reduces the number of in-service hours required of teachers providing instruction to English Language Learners.

Section 3. Direction to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of March, 2009.

Motion to adopt by Richard Pulido, second by Nancy Simon.


FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Michael Pizzi	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Richard Pulido	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Mary Collins	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Robert Meador II	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Nick Perdomo	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Nancy Simon	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember George Lopez	<u>yes</u>




Michael Pizzi
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Debra Eastman, MMC
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legality for the use
and benefit of the Town of Miami Lakes only:



Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza,
Cole & Boniske, P.L.
TOWN ATTORNEY