

MEMORANDUM

October 21, 2016

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

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: STAFF FOLLOW-UP: BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2016, AGENDA ITEM H-9, AMENDMENT 2

At the School Board meeting of October 5, 2016, the Board approved Agenda Item H-9, proffered by School Board Member Dr. Martin Karp, to convene an emergency meeting with stakeholders of youth and other Boards for the purpose of providing information regarding Amendment 2, which addresses the usage of medical marijuana.

To this end, staff has identified "Florida's Future: The Medical Marijuana Debate and Medical Panel," a community meeting and debate with stakeholders scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. The event will be hosted at Nova Southeastern University's College of Pharmacy. This discussion will give community members the opportunity to learn about the health, political, legal, and social issues related to the proposed amendment. The panel includes proponents, opponents, and physicians.

Additionally, as a public service, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) distributed an informational flier promoting the aforementioned event to its community stakeholders. Fliers were distributed electronically via M-DCPS' Constant Contact list to nearly 100,000 opinion leaders. The message encouraged stakeholders to attend and register early for the free event. A separate flier about the Amendment 2 meeting with a link to the early registration site was also distributed by select District staff to community and parent leaders. Attached are the two fliers sent to the targeted audiences.

For additional information regarding this issue, please contact Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at 305 995-1497.

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