

MEMORANDUM

February 2, 2017

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

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools *AMC*

SUBJECT: STAFF FOLLOW-UP: BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2016, AGENDA ITEM H-9, IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAW AS IT PERTAINS TO STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES

At the School Board Meeting of December 14, 2016, the Board approved Agenda Item H-9, proffered by School Board Member Dr. Martin Karp and co-sponsored unanimously. This item authorized the Superintendent to collaborate with the Florida Association of District School Superintendents for the creation of a task force including professionals from the medical field to develop recommendations and added protections related to the implementation of Amendment 2. The item also authorized the amendment of the Board's 2017 State Legislative Platform to include the prohibition of (1) medical marijuana dispensaries within 2,500 feet of a school excluding dispensaries where the sole product is medical marijuana, (2) medical marijuana products that look like and are packaged as candy or other enticing food or drink items, and (3) medical marijuana products on school property without administrative supervision as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent of Schools.

To date, staff has completed the following:

1. The School Board's Legislative Program was updated to include the following language adopted by the Board and posted on the District's website:
http://gafla.dadeschools.net/pdf/legislative-Updates/2017/2017_State_Legislative_Program.pdf
2. Correspondence was sent to the 34 municipalities requesting that the local municipalities adopt the Board's position and urge the Legislature to establish zoning regulations that prohibit marijuana dispensaries to open within close proximity to schools. Additionally, the request is for the municipalities to transmit an executed version to the Governor as well as members of the Florida Legislature.
3. The Miami-Dade County League of Cities (MDCLC) will be hearing the attached resolution at their February meeting. School Board Member Susie V. Castillo will be presenting the proposed resolution to the MDCLC Board Members.
4. Correspondence was sent to the bill sponsors, Senator Jeff Brandes and Representative Ray W. Rodrigues, to advise them of the Board's position. Additionally, District staff has met with the bill sponsors of this Board priority.

5. Finally, staff has reached out to the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) to advise them of the Board's position and its request for a task force to be created.

Staff will continue to advocate throughout the 2017 Legislative Session for the Board's position on Amendment 2 regarding the location of marijuana dispensaries in relation to schools and partner with other organizations in our advocacy efforts.

If you have any questions or need additional information, 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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