

MEMORANDUM

March 8, 2006

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

FROM: Rudolph F. Crew, Superintendent of Schools *RFC*

SUBJECT: GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Governor Bush submitted a supplemental budget proposal for fiscal year 2006-2007 to the Florida Legislature recommending an additional \$420 million for teacher performance pay, college tuition reductions, emergency preparedness and critical state services. Of the \$420 million, the Governor proposed an additional investment of \$81.4 million for Education. The supplemental budget proposal provides \$55 million to support the implementation of E-Comp, Florida's performance pay plan for teachers. The E-Comp, approved by the State Board of Education, proposes to reward quality teachers through annual bonuses based on the academic performance of their students. An additional \$26.4 million will be used to reduce higher education tuition rate increases.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Services, at 305 995-2532.

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