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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

NO. LTC # 121-2025

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Honorable Mayor Steven Meiner and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk



DATE: March 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Committee for Quality Education Motions

The Committee for Quality Education would like you to be aware of the three following motions approved at the March 18, 2025 committee meeting regarding Biscayne Beach Community Schoolyard, PreK 3 scholarship expansion, and additional educational legislative priorities.

C: Executive Staff

Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Education and Performance Officer

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City of Miami Beach  
Committee for Quality Education

Meeting of March 18, 2025

Members Present: Beverly Heller, Mary Keinath, James Orlowsky, Amy Ostroff, Jonathan Rothman, Karen Fryd, Hayley Ross, Ayala Jeger Mendlowitz, Jelena Khurana, Rina Bass, Laurie Kaye Davis, Faiza Liban, Donielle Cohen, and Christine Perrin-Stocco,

Members Absent: Seth Guttenberg, Jacquelynn Powers, Elizabeth Soto, Devorah Zeiger

**Motion 1**

Made by Laurie Kaye Davis

Second by Mary Keinath

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Mayor and Commission support Biscayne Beach Elementary Community Schoolyard concepts presented by the Trust for Public Land including the identification of funding.

The Committee for Quality Education urges the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 12-0

**Motion 2**

Made by Rina Bass

Second by Beverly Heller

The Committee for Quality Education (CQE) requests the Mayor and Commission support the inclusion of 3-year-olds in the PreK Scholarship program and continue to engage the CQE in conversations regarding the development of the initiative.

The Committee for Quality Education urges the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 14-0

**Motion 3**

Made by Laurie Kaye Davis

Second by Faiza Liban

The Committee for Quality Education (CQE) requests the Mayor and Commission support the Miami-Dade County Public School Board's position on HB 261/SB296 and HB123/SB140 and add these to the City of Miami Beach's legislative priorities

HB 261/SB 296 MIAMI BEACH SUPPORTS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS POSITION ON PROVIDING FLEXIBILITY WITH MANDATED MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL START TIME CHANGES.

HB 261 and SB 296 removes the requirement that middle and high schools start by

specified times beginning in the 2026-2027 school year but provide flexibility in maintaining school start times, retaining the requirement that district school boards inform the local community about the health and safety ramifications of sleep deprivation and "consider" the benefits of later start times.

**HB 123 / SB 140 MIAMI BEACH SUPPORTS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS POSITION ON THIS OPPOSITION**

HB 123 and SB 140 propose unwarranted changes to a School Board's property holdings and to the charter conversion process. We urge the Legislature to reject and reconsider proposals that would adversely affect education and would bypass core tenets that have served Florida school districts for over a century and run counter to the state constitution.

The Committee for Quality Education urges the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 13-0