

Seminole County Public Schools
Resolution Concerning CS/HB 7069

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed CS/HB 7069 on May 8, 2017, and the legislation is now awaiting Governor Scott's signature; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Seminole County, Florida, appreciates the complexity of developing a state budget to support educational needs; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Seminole County, Florida, expresses its gratitude to Florida legislators for their decision to improve the educational experience of Florida's students by

- Supporting civic literacy;
- Eliminating the Algebra II End of Course (EOC) exam;
- Providing that grades 3 through 6 standardized assessments are delivered in a paper-based format;
- Ensuring EOC results are available to all stakeholders by June 30th and that all assessment data are in understandable formats that are actionable so that school staff and parents can appropriately plan for the next school year; and
- Authorizing a study to determine the feasibility of using SAT/ACT in lieu of the FSA; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Seminole County, Florida, has great concerns regarding the implications of the following portions of House Bill 7069 which include

- **Title I funding legislation** that redirects and dilutes Title I funds currently used by school districts to provide a variety of district-wide programs that benefit some of the most vulnerable students;
- **Schools of Hope**, which grants charter school governing boards a designation that allows charter schools to bypass local control and allows them to remain largely unaccountable to the public despite receiving a significant amount of taxpayer funding; and
- **Capital outlay funding for charter schools** resulting in an inequitable distribution of capital outlay on land use to the benefit of charter schools, thereby preempting the authority of local jurisdictions. Additionally, the bill authorizes charter school capital outlay funding to include revenue from the discretionary millage and state funds when such funds are appropriated in the General Appropriations Act, thereby impacting funding to school districts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Seminole County, Florida, respectfully requests that Governor Scott veto CS/HB 7069. Dated this 17th of May, 2017.



Amy Lockhart, Chairman



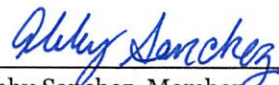
Tina Calderone, Vice-Chairman



Karen Almond, Member

Not Present to Vote

Jeffrey Bauer, Member



Abby Sanchez, Member



Walt Griffin, Superintendent