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Dear Friends,

Miami-Dade County is a wonderfully diverse and culturally vibrant community poised to become one of the world's premier cities. In order to maintain our community's position, we must maintain a stellar public education system. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has some of the finest educators in the world — educators who have turned the impossible into the inevitable. In the past decade, M-DCPS has been awarded the Broad Prize for Excellence in Urban Education, become the largest fully-accredited school district in the nation, has seen graduation rates soar to 84.2 percent, and has achieved a District rating of "A" from the state of Florida. We have proven that we are on the right track, but we cannot rest on this success. We must continue to improve, and we cannot do it without outstanding teachers and instructional personnel, and we must provide an environment where children feel safe and can thrive.

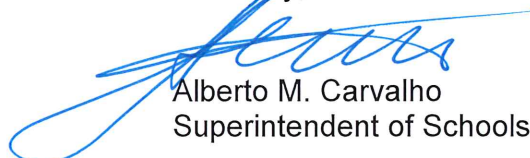
As Election Day is fast approaching, I urge you to consider an important issue that will affect all of Miami-Dade's children, citizens, and business enterprises in the years to come. On November 6, 2018, voters will have the opportunity to decide if they are willing to select #362 on their ballot to invest in maintaining the quality and safety of our public schools by approving a measure that assesses \$75 in property taxes per \$100,000 of taxable value — an amount that is less than \$12 a month for a typical homeowner.

We have committed that all proceeds generated from this referendum will exclusively fund improved compensation for teachers and instructional personnel and increases in school safety and security personnel. An independent citizens' advisory board will monitor the use of these proceeds and will report to the public annually.

Our responsibility to provide a safe learning environment is a debt owed to our future. Our inability to recruit and retain the highest quality teachers for our schools will undoubtedly have a detrimental impact on students and ultimately, the long-term economic development potential of Miami-Dade County.

I know that we all share in the belief that when our children benefit, the entire community benefits, and our future becomes even brighter. I thank you for sharing this information about what #362 will do for schools and for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,



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