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Sent Via Electronic Mail

Dear Honorable Superintendent Carvalho,

I want to first congratulate you and your district for being a school choice and charter school-friendly district. Thousands of children and their parents have benefitted from the variety of school choice options in Miami Dade County – from magnet programs to charter schools. Your decision to approve high quality applications have allowed charter schools to be among the many public educational options available to families. Many of the charter schools you have authorized are ranked among the best schools in the state and have earned national recognition for raising student achievement and graduation rates, especially among minority students.

Over the years, the Florida Charter School Alliance (FCSA) has worked with your district in a spirit of collaboration. In continuance of that desire, we would like to formally request to meet and discuss how the recent tax referendum -- approved by voters on November 6<sup>th</sup> -- will be distributed among all of the public school students and teachers in Miami Dade County. We believe that public charter school students and public charter school teachers should receive an equal and proportionate share of those tax referendum dollars.

On behalf of public charter school teachers, and the more than 68,000 public charter school students in your district - and their parents - we request a meeting to discuss this matter further.

As always, we appreciate and respect the work you do on behalf of all the children in Miami Dade County.

Sincerely,

Ralph Arza  
Director of Governmental Affairs

Lynn Norman-Teck  
Executive Director

cc: Commissioner Pamela Stewart, Florida Department of Education  
Florida House Speaker Jose Olivia  
Florida Senate Preside Bill Galvano  
Governor-elect Ron DeSantis  
Lt. Governor-elect Jeanette Nuñez  
Members of the Miami Dade Delegation

*About FCSA: Formed in 2010 by a group of educators, community leaders, and philanthropists, the Florida Charter School Alliance (FCSA) is a non-profit member-driven organization whose mission is to improve student achievement, and promote parental choice by advocating for and collaborating with high-quality public charter schools. Charter schools in Florida run the gamut of choice educational programs – ranging from urban to rural campuses, from programs specializing in exceptional students or drop-off prevention, to unique classical curriculum, and college-prep programs in high need areas. Yet all our member schools have a common thread – a steadfast commitment to raising the bar on public education and providing a quality education option to the children and communities they serve. More than 295,000 students are currently enrolled (with over 100,000 students on wait lists) in more than 650 public charter schools across Florida. For more information, visit [www.flcharteralliance.org](http://www.flcharteralliance.org).*