

**GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1693.05**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH URGING THE MIAMI-DADE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO PERSUADE THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO UTILIZE THE 2004-2005 DISTRICT COST DIFFERENTIAL UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT A NEW AND EQUITABLE CALCULATION MAY BE IMPLEMENTED; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF THE RESOLUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 session of the Florida Legislature endorsed a new calculation of the District Cost Differential which purportedly adjusts educational funding for school districts both by cost of living and wage levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire calculation through a statistical technique allegedly adjusts wage levels for the value of amenities and trades wage levels for the imputed value of those amenities for wage levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the validity of this economic theory has not been independently reviewed by peer economists and educational finance experts as well as the appropriateness of the statistical technique utilized for such an adjustment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislative never explicitly changed the statutory basis for the DCD calculation but merely implicitly endorsed the use of the revised calculation by the Florida Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of the new amenities-adjusted DCD damages and decreases educational funding for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools by over \$26 million during 2004-2005, \$58 million during 2005-2006, and \$112 million when fully implemented in 2006-2007; and

**WHEREAS**, similar damaging effects result from the use of the revised DCD in 38 other Florida school districts, including Broward, Palm Beach, Volusia, and Monroe Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the cumulative effect of this new version of the DCD will seriously impair the ability of affected districts to hire and retain qualified teachers and to offer a sufficient variety of educational programs to meet the diverse needs of its clients; and

**WHEREAS**, the quality and viability of public education is a necessary component for the economic well-being and development of the community and region;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach urges that the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation adopt as a major priority and non-negotiable objective for the 2005 legislative session the maintaining of the District Cost Differential (DCD) calculation at its 2004-2005 level and the commissioning of a study by an unbiased, qualified third party to review the validity of the amenities-adjusted DCD and to recommend a new more equitable calculation methodology..

**Section 2.** That the Town Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation offices for distribution to its members.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval of the Town Council.

**Sponsored by Administration.**

The Motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was offered by Mayor Singer, seconded by Councilman Iglesias and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Mayor Singer	<u>AYE</u>
Vice Mayor Lusskin	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember Einstein	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember Iglesias	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember Parus	<u>AYE</u>

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

  
MAYOR GLENN SINGER

ATTEST:

  
CATHY SZABO  
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

  
PAUL D. EICHNER  
TOWN ATTORNEY