



January 7, 2015

Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent of Schools
600 SE Third Ave
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Dear Superintendent Runcie

On behalf of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations I want to thank you for speaking at our October 2014 Meeting. Your presentation regarding the Broward School Bond was persuasive. The initiative passed and we are now embarking on the first phase of implementation. This includes the formation of a Board Oversight Committee that I understand will be on the agenda of a School Board Meeting in January.

At the December meeting of the Fort Lauderdale Education Advisory Board there was discussion about the make up of this Board. Concerns were expressed about the lack of community representation as it was presented. The Education Advisory Board sent the following communication to the Fort Lauderdale City Commission.

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION

The City of Fort Lauderdale Education Advisory Board strongly encourages the Broward School Board to include a greater representation of community leaders when appointing members to the Board Oversight Committee. We believe this would offer more diverse opinions, and inspire more confidence in residents.

The Board of the Council is sending you this communication directly at this time since our next meeting is not until January 13.

We want you to know that we share the Education Advisory Board's concerns. As you recall from your presentation, skepticism about the successful implementation of the Bond Initiative was a great concern to our member HOAs and Civics. Your assurances that the Board Oversight Committee would carefully watch over the

implementation were a big factor in convincing our members to support the Bond Initiative.

This is not an auspicious start to the process. We urge you and the other Commissioners to include representatives from local communities on the Board Oversight Committee.

We would be happy to continue this discussion before the School Board makes it's final determination. I can be reached at 954 309 2101.

Regards,

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cc: CFLCA Board Members
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