

**Miami Palmetto Senior High School PTSA
Legislative Chair Report—November 12, 2020**

- I. **General Election 2020 results relevant to the MPSH feeder pattern include the following:**
- President: Joseph Biden (subject to vote of the Electoral College)
 - Representative, US Congress, District 27: Maria Elvira Salazar (incumbent Donna Shalala defeated)
[The US House is expected to retain its Democratic majority]
 - State Senator, District 37: Ileana Garcia
[The State Senate will continue to have a Republican majority, but not a supermajority]
 - State Representative, District 114: Demi Busatta Cabrera
 - State Representative, District 115: Vance Aloupis (reelected)
 - State Representative, District 117: Kevin Chambliss
[The State House will continue to have a sizeable Republican majority, but not a supermajority]
 - County Mayor: Daniella Levine Cava
 - County Commission, District 7: Raquel Regalado
 - County Commission, District 8: vacant—Commissioner to be appointed or Special Election to be scheduled
 - County Commission, District 9: Kionne McGhee
 - School Board Member, District 9: Luisa Santos
 - Pinecrest Councilmembers: Anna Hochkammer (reelected), Shannon Del Prado
 - Palmetto Bay Councilmember: Steve Cody
 - Palmetto Bay Vice Mayor: runoff December 1 between Leanne Tellam and Ed Silva

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT EACH ELECTED OFFICIAL BE INVITED TO ATTEND A MPSH PTSA MEETING.

- II. **State Board of Education**
The State Board of Education will meet at 9 am on Wednesday, November 18 in Tallahassee. On the agenda will be a report from Education Commissioner Corcoran and a presentation on the “rigor gap” between Florida students’ declining performance on the NAEP and the course grades they receive.
- III. **State Legislature**
The Legislature will meet for an organizational session on November 17, and will hold 5 committee weeks beginning in January (January 11-15; January 25-29; February 1-5; February 8-12; February 15-19). The 2021 Legislative Session itself is slated to begin on March 2.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CONSTITUENTS APPROACH LEGISLATORS NOW WITH ANY REQUESTS FOR BILL LANGUAGE OR SPECIAL PROJECTS.

- IV. **Florida PTA Legislative Conference**
Scheduled for March 21-23; whether via Zoom or in person in Tallahassee will be determined by as yet to be announced COVID-related rules for Capitol visits and live public comments.
- V. **MDCC PTA/PTSA Presents Superintendent’s Q & A Forum**
Rescheduled for December 1.
- VI. **Pinecrest—Mayor’s Education Advisory Council**
December 8, 9:15 am, via Zoom. Contact Nancy Lawther at nllawther@gmail.com for further information.
- VII. **Heads Up:** Governor Ron DeSantis/Commissioner Corcoran are expected to announce plans for universal return to brick and mortar instruction later this month.