

Resolution of Collier County GOP

Supporting HB 7069 (2017)

RECITALS

Whereas, on August 7th, 2017 the Collier County Republican Executive Committee (“Collier County GOP”), with a quorum present, voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution on the Collier County GOP’s position on HB 7069.

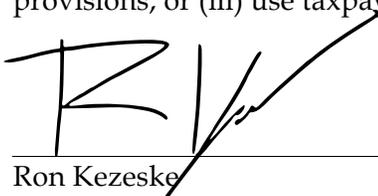
The 2016 Republican Platform (the “Party Platform”) states that, “[p]arents are a child’s first and foremost educators, and have primary responsibility for the education of their children. Parents have a right to direct their children’s education, care, and upbringing.” (*See*, Page 33); and

The Party Platform further states, “We reject a one-size-fits-all approach to education and support a broad range of choices for parents and children at the state and local level.” (*See*, Page 33); and further, “We support options for learning, including home-schooling, career and technical education, private or parochial schools, magnet schools, charter schools, online learning, and early-college high schools.” (*See*, Page 34); and

In furtherance of our Party Platform in the critical area of education, the Florida Legislature enacted HB 7069. HB 7069 empowers parents, rewards good teachers, provides scholarships for students with special needs, expands availability of virtual education, reforms the turnaround program for failing schools, invites the nation’s highest performing charters to help Florida’s most vulnerable students, ensures more equitable funding for all public school students, and expands education options for all of our local parents and students; and

In fact, HB 7069 was supported by all of the members of the Collier County Republican legislative delegation and was signed into law by Collier County’s very own Republican Governor Rick Scott on June 15, 2017. On the Senate side, Senator Kathleen Passidomo was a Senate Conferee who voted to adopt the Conference Committee Amendment approving HB 7069. On the House side, Representative Byron Donalds was a co-sponsor and key supporter and defender of the bill in the House Education Committee. Both Representative Byron Donalds and Representative Bob Rommel voted for HB 7069.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Collier County Republican Executive Committee supports HB 7069. Further, it opposes any effort by Republicans on the Collier County School Board to: (i) undermine or oppose the implementation of HB 7069, (ii) lobby against HB 7069 or its provisions, or (iii) use taxpayer funds to legally challenge or otherwise oppose HB 7069.



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