

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO RECEIVE THE REPORT: *NARROWING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP***

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: I - EARLY INTERVENTION  
II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION  
FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES  
III - READING/LANGUAGE ARTS  
VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT  
VII - SAFE SCHOOLS  
VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES  
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/  
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

At its meeting of February 18, 1998 the School Board directed the Superintendent to: (1) provide the Board with a report outlining the factors believed to be inhibitors of progress among diverse groups of students, particularly Blacks and Hispanics, and (2) identify strategies to be used to narrow the achievement gap.

In order to achieve the proposed action, an Ad Hoc Narrowing the Achievement Gap Task Force was created. This task force met from June 1998 through January 1999 to address the complex trends and issues pertaining to urban education and minority education. The aforementioned report is a compilation of the work and research of this committee.

A copy of the report entitled Narrowing the Achievement Gap will be provided to School Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- (1) receive and file the report of the 1998-99 Narrowing the Achievement Gap Task Force;
- (2) direct the Superintendent to consider the recommendations with no budget implication to the district; and
- (3) direct the Superintendent to consider recommendations with financial implications/impact as part of the budget process for the development of the 1999 – 2000 Tentative Budget.