

Office of School Board Members  
Board Meeting of March 17, 1999

February 25, 1999

Demetrio Pérez, Jr., M.S., Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST THE SUPERINTENDENT TO DIRECT STAFF TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON IMPLEMENTING A DISTRICT STUDENT OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR**

Each year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has recognized its outstanding principal, assistant principal, teacher, office employee, and AFCSME employee as well as outstanding members of community groups such as Dade Partners, School Volunteers, and Senior Mentors. In each of these annual ceremonies several candidates are honored, and one is selected as the most outstanding in each category. However, none of these recognitions would be possible if it were not for our students, whom all of us serve.

There are some student events, such as the Superintendent's Academic Awards Dinner and SunTrust's Thumbs Up Event, to honor our outstanding students; however, the district has no "Student of the Year" recognition ceremony. For this reason, I propose that the Superintendent of Schools direct staff to conduct a feasibility study and to submit a report for the Board's consideration regarding such an annual event. The intent would be for the program to be considered for possible implementation during the 1999-2000 school year.

Just as with the other events, donations should be secured so that no district operating funds are needed. The study should consider the possibility of selecting a District Student of the Year at the elementary, middle, and high school level, as well as prekindergarten and kindergarten. Along with grades, Student of the Year criteria should include their discipline, effort, character, perseverance, and other merits.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**      That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request  
**DEMETRIO PÉREZ, JR., M.S.:** the Superintendent to direct staff to conduct a feasibility study  
and to provide a report on implementing a district Student of the  
Year recognition program for the 1999-2000 school year.

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