

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

**SUBJECT: RECONVENE THE AD HOC MULTILINGUAL TASK FORCE**

At its meeting of September 10, 1997, the School Board unanimously approved Item B-4, Establishment of Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force during the 1997-98 School Year. The purpose of the Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force was to design and implement a plan to improve the delivery of bilingual programs districtwide.

Mrs. Rosa Sugrañes, Vice-Chair of the Hispanic Business Group of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, chaired the committee. At its meeting of March 18, 1998, the School Board received the report of the 1997-98 Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force.

The recommendations of the Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force focused on: (1) increased amount of instructional time in a language other than English, (2) application of a language other than English in content area learning, and (3) sustained study of a language other than English with opportunity for program continuity from kindergarten through grade 12. The specific recommendations were to be phased-in over a three-year period beginning with 1998-99 school-year.

In order to review the implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force, it is recommended that the Task Force be reconvened and that a status report be presented to the Board at the School Board meeting of September 8, 1999.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to:

1. reconvene the Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force; and
2. present to the School Board, at its meeting of September 8, 1999, a status report on implementation of the March 18, 1998 recommendations of the Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force.