

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE INSPIRATIONAL CALENDAR WITH
RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL SCHOOLS
IN THE DISTRICT**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: III - READING/LANGUAGE ARTS
V - MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION
VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
VII - SAFE SCHOOLS**

As a follow-up to the School Board meeting of June 23, 1999, Agenda Item B-5 that was proposed by Board Member Demetrio Perez, an ad hoc committee was convened by the Division of Social Sciences/Special Programs to review the inspirational calendar and submit recommendations, including revisions and printing cost estimates, to the Board. The committee was composed of District and school-site administrators; educational specialists; teachers; and representatives of the United Teachers of Dade and the Dade County Council-PTSA.

The inspirational calendar supports the District's commitment to promoting diversity and cultural awareness among administrators, teachers and students. The committee believes the inspirational calendar is a valuable resource, especially for use with elementary school students. The inspirational calendar can serve as an excellent resource for opening of school activities, e.g., morning announcements and thoughts for the day.

The committee has made recommendations for revisions to the inspirational calendar. These recommended revisions will be transmitted to the Board under separate cover prior to the School Board meeting of August 25, 1999, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center. The Office of Internet and Network Services of Miami-Dade County Public Schools will place the calendar on the Internet to enable all school sites to access the calendar early in the 1999-2000 school year. Additionally, the committee recommends that two black and white copies of the document be distributed to each school in the district. The cost for printing two black and white copies with a color cover and binder for each school in the District is estimated to be approximately \$5,250. The printing cost will be covered via donations and/or advertisements.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the inspirational calendar with the recommended revisions to be distributed to all schools in the District.

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