

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE A STATUS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE I OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC MULTILINGUAL TASK FORCE AND TO RECEIVE AMENDED PHASE II RECOMMENDATIONS

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES**
- III - READING/LANGUAGE ARTS**
- IV - BILINGUALISM**
- V - MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION**
- VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES**
- IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

At its meeting of March 18, 1998, the School Board received the report of the 1997-1998 Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force. In order to review the implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force, at its meeting of May 12, 1999, the School Board unanimously approved Item B-3, Reconvene the Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force for the purpose of preparing and submitting to the Board an implementation status report.

The Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force was reconvened on June 10, 1999 by Mrs. Rosa Sagrañes, Vice Chair of the Hispanic Business Group of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, and Chair of the Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force. The committee reviewed and discussed the implementation status of Phase I recommendations presented by staff from the Division of Bilingual/Foreign Language Skills. At a subsequent meeting on July 20, 1999, the committee reviewed Phase II recommendations and discussed additional recommendations for the 1999-2000 school year. Recommendations being submitted for the 1999-2000 school year have no additional cost.

A copy of the Status Report on Implementation of Phase I Recommendations, 1998-1999, and amended Phase II Recommendations, 1999-2000, 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 the Status Report on Implementation of Phase I Recommendations, 1998-1999; and
2. receive amended Phase II Recommendations, 1999-2000.

No additional funds are required.