

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO CONFIRM
INCLUSION OF CHARLES D. WYCHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE
ITALIAN SECTION OF THE PRE-INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
(PRE-IB) PROGRAM**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION
FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
IV - BILINGUALISM
V - MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

On February 10, 1999, the School Board unanimously approved the initiation of an Italian Section of the Pre-International Baccalaureate (Pre-IB) Program in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, beginning with the 1999-2000 school year (Board Agenda Item C-3). The site selected for initiating the program was G.W. Carver Elementary School. However, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Consulate General of Italy provides guidelines for the expansion of the program to other schools, subject to School Board approval.

Prior to the start of the 1999-2000 school year, Mr. Gian B. Campagnola, Consul General of Italy, received additional funds that allowed him to request the Superintendent of Schools to identify a second site where the Italian Pre-IB Program could be initiated. It was further requested that the second school be located in the northern part of the district so that youngsters who live in that area could also have access to the program. Following the guidelines outlined in Article 3 of the MOU, and with strong support from the school and community, Charles D. Wyche Elementary School was selected.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to confirm the inclusion of Charles D. Wyche Elementary School in the Italian Section of the Pre-International Baccalaureate (Pre-IB) Program.