

Roger C. Cuevas, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE THE K-12 WOMEN'S HISTORY CURRICULUM RESOURCE GUIDE AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND DIRECT IMPLEMENTATION IN ALL SCHOOLS**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:**

- I - EARLY INTERVENTION**
- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES**
- III - READING/LANGUAGE ARTS**
- V - MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION**
- VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES**
- IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

In 1998, the Florida Legislature amended Section 233.061, Florida Statutes, to require instruction in "women's contributions to the United States." The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Pupil Progression Plan requires the study of women's contributions to the United States through the required K-12 social studies instructional program.

Staff from the Division of Social Sciences/Special Programs, in collaboration with the Women's History Advisory Committee, developed a women's history implementation plan to provide for the infusion of women's history across the K-12 social studies curriculum in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Additionally, a team of writers consisting of classroom teachers with an expertise in women's history developed the curriculum resource guide, entitled "FACES: A Journey Through Women's History," which links with the district's Competency-Based Curriculum and Florida's Sunshine State Standards. The guide includes sample lessons, instructional resources, interdisciplinary activities and bibliography for each grade level. Additionally, the curriculum resource guide includes lessons designed to support FCAT preparation and infuse reading and writing skills development into the delivery of instruction.

The K-12 women's history curriculum resource guide and implementation plan will be transmitted 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. approve the K-12 women's history curriculum resource guide and implementation plan; and
2. direct implementation of the plan in all schools.

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