

Office of School Board Members  
Board Meeting of December 8, 1999

December 7, 1999

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SCHEDULE ALL TEACHER TRAINING SEMINARS AFTER SCHOOL, ON WEEKENDS, OR DURING NON-TEACHING PERIODS OF THE SUMMER BEGINNING IN THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County is entrusted with improving student achievement and providing each student with every opportunity to succeed. This challenge includes increasing the personalization of a student's education and allowing students to develop strong relationships with their teachers.

A need to decrease classroom disruption caused by teacher absences, and increase district-wide performance on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test and other exams, make this Board accountable to the public for reforming policies that promote teacher absences. While absences due to illness and personal matters are unavoidable, the Board should not exacerbate the situation by scheduling training seminars during school hours.

In accordance with our mission to strengthen instructional leadership and responsibly allocate resources that enhance curriculum, instruction, and student achievement, this item proposes that teacher training seminars be scheduled during to non-teaching times beginning in the 2000-2001 school year.

**ACTION PROPOSED**

**BY DR. MARTA PEREZ:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, schedule all teacher training seminars after school, on weekends, or during non-teaching periods of the summer beginning in the 2000 - 2001 school year.

**REPLACEMENT**

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