

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: BEST PRACTICES FOR IMPROVING STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON THE FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT)

One hundred and twelve schools in Miami-Dade County improved their performance on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) and therefore earned higher marks on the Governor's A+ Plan. The Board should seize this opportunity and learn as much as possible from this great achievement, which illustrates the implementation of the three principles of the school district's mission to "strengthen instructional leadership, launch innovative systemic initiatives, and disseminate resources that enhance curriculum and instruction."

Approval of this item directs the Superintendent to develop and conduct a survey of principals of schools that improved one or more levels in the Governor's A+ Plan and produce a report that:

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- identifies the cost of implementing each strategy; and
- determines what additional support schools need to continue improving.

The report should be presented to the Board no later than the October 11, 2000 Board Meeting.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PEREZ:**

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