September 13, 2000

Demetrio Pérez, Jr., Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE MANDATORY AIR CONDITIONING FOR ALL FUTURE SCHOOL BUS PURCHASES

During the month of August 2000, staff performed a national survey of selected school districts. The survey indicates that we are the only large school district located in a warm climate that does not provide transportation services to students in air conditioned buses. Additionally, recognizing that the South Florida climate, while enviable, can be uncomfortable due to excessive heat and humidity, the School Board at its July 19, REVISED 2000 meeting, directed the Superintendent to conduct a feasibility study of installing air conditioning in all school buses.

After considering the action taken by other districts in the nation, as well as the effect the South Florida climate may have on our students, it is requested that the members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools to purchase all future buses with air conditioning.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MR. DEMETRIO PÉREZ, JR.:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools to purchase all future buses with air conditioning.

REVISED REPLACEMENT

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