

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA
EXECUTIVE INSTITUTE AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

Florida International University (FIU) has proposed the development of a unique pilot program, The South Florida Executive Institute, to strengthen the leadership and management skills of the administrators from Miami-Dade and Monroe County Public Schools and FIU. The South Florida Executive Institute for school site administrators, university department chairs, associate deans, and department directors will be modeled after the successful Executive Master of Business Administration (MBA) program offered by the FIU College of Business Administration.

The Executive MBA program provides high-potential managers in the private sector with the knowledge and skills to deal with the challenges of globalization, rapid organizational change, new information technologies, unrelenting demands for quality and productivity, diversity, financial accountability, and the critical need for innovation and change. Public school and university administrators face similar challenges.

Participants will learn how to think strategically and to leverage new information technologies to transform their organizations through instruction in personnel management, budget and finance, operations management, accounting, and marketing. Additionally, the program will help participants to improve their communication, leadership, team building, and related interpersonal and professional skills.

The South Florida Executive Institute will be a full-time program which will be held for six consecutive weeks during June and July, 2001. Classes will be held Monday through Friday from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. The program will consist of 12 modules, two modules offered each week. Participants who successfully complete the program will be awarded a Certificate of Management. The pilot program will be limited to 66 participants, equally divided between public school and university administrators. Participants from Miami-Dade County Public Schools will be assigned to The South Florida Executive Institute during the six week period.

There is no cost for Miami-Dade County Public Schools to participate in this program.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent of Schools to allow school site administrators to participate in The South Florida Executive Institute at Florida International University, beginning June, 2001, for a period of six consecutive weeks, at no cost to the district.