

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY DETERMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF BROADCASTING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS AS "LIVE STREAMING AUDIO" FILES AND REPORT TO THE BOARD THE RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY BY THE FEBRUARY 2001 BOARD MEETING

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has consistently been at the cutting edge of technology. The district's official web page, www.dade.k12.fl.us, makes important information more accessible to students and parents than ever before. In addition, dadeschools.net, the district's secondary web page, serves a community of education stakeholders, bringing together students, parents, teachers and principals. M-DCPS also boasts an expanding virtual campus for students and teachers that allows them to take additional classes and continuing education courses, respectively. It also allows students to prepare online for the GED online if they did not complete their high school education.

In its efforts to offer the best education possible to as many students as possible and to make the school district more accessible and user-friendly, the Miami-Dade County School Board should consider transmitting school board meetings as "live streaming audio" files on the Internet. This technology allows the community to listen to Board meetings via their computers, while simultaneously creating a verbatim record for the Board's archives.

Approval of this item directs the superintendent to conduct a study determining the feasibility of placing board meetings online as "live streaming audio" files. The Office of Information Technology has projected that this project would cost approximately \$6,000.00.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTA PEREZ: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the superintendent to:

1. conduct a study determining the feasibility of broadcasting school board meetings as "live streaming audio" files and;
2. report the results and recommendations of the study to the Board by the February 2001 meeting.

**REPLACEMENT
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