

Betsy H. Kaplan, Member

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED 2001 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM OF THE SOUTH
 FLORIDA CONSORTIUM OF SCHOOL BOARDS**

The South Florida Consortium of School Boards is an informal coalition of 10 school boards which have joined to assist one another in advancing educational issues of mutual concern. The members include: Broward, Collier, Hillsborough, Indian River, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Orange, Palm Beach, and Sarasota counties.

On October 5, 2000, representatives of the Consortium met in Tampa, Florida to finalize the draft of their proposed 2001 Legislative Program. The draft program includes only those items which were approved by the School Board representatives in attendance. Further, it adheres to the Consortium's policy of including only a select number of issues in order to ensure maximum cohesiveness in the program and concentration of the Consortium resources on its priorities.

All 10 Consortium school boards are being asked to review the draft program and to take official action on it. Each issue must be supported by all Consortium members to be included in the final adopted program. Once all 10 boards have officially adopted the 2001 Legislative Program, the Consortium will print and distribute the document to the Governor, State Cabinet, all legislators and interested citizen groups.

Copies of the 2001 Legislative Program of the South Florida Consortium of School Boards will be forwarded to Board Members under separate cover and will be placed on file in the Citizen Information Center and the Board Recording Secretary's office.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

BETSY H. KAPLAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. adopt the proposed 2001 Legislative Program of the South Florida Consortium of School Boards or modify it as deemed appropriate; and
2. continue to participate in the South Florida Consortium of School Boards.

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