

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of January 17, 2001

January 4, 2001

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT AN EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO IDENTIFY THE MOST EFFECTIVE DELIVERY MODEL BASED ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND PROGRAM COST

The Multilingual Task Force was convened in order to design and present a plan to improve the delivery of bilingual programs districtwide. The Task Force presented recommendations to be phased-in over a three-year period. Based on the recommendations approved by the School Board, existing successful programs have been expanded and new initiatives have been implemented.

The purpose of this item is to request that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent of Schools to conduct an external evaluation of international education programs to identify the most effective delivery model based on student achievement and program cost.

Additional information will be available prior to the Board Meeting of January 17, 2001.