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Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: REVIEW THE BOARD'S POLICY OF USING AN ARCHITECTURAL
DESIGN FOR SCHOOLS NO MORE THAN THREE TIMES**

The recent Grand Jury report on fire safety and capital construction questioned the wisdom of the Schools Board's so-called "three use policy," by which the district uses an architectural design for a school no more than three times. While the policy has merit in promoting aesthetic diversity and in spreading Board business among contractors, it may unduly prohibit the Board from using good designs proven to suit our needs. In this light, it is proposed that the Board direct the Superintendent of Schools to review this policy and return to the Board with recommendations on whether to continue, amend or discontinue the approach.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to review the Board's policy of using an architectural design for schools no more than three times and return to the Board with recommendation on whether to continue, amend or discontinue the approach.