

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of May 16, 2001

May 3, 2001

Roger C. Cuevas, Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO PARTICIPATE AS A CO-HOST WITH FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR URBAN EDUCATION AND INNOVATION IN A NATIONAL REFORM SUMMIT ON JANUARY 17-18, 2002, AT THE BILTMORE HOTEL

It is requested that the Board authorize the Superintendent of Schools and Miami-Dade County Public Schools to serve as a co-host of a national education reform summit to be held January 17-18, 2002, at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, in conjunction with Florida International University's Center for Urban Education and Innovation. The purpose of this two-day summit is to provide a forum for business and education leaders to showcase the district's best practices based on the three goals of the school system.

The Foundation of Florida International University will serve as a co-host by soliciting and accepting donations to underwrite the cost of the event. Approximately 300 local, state and national education and business leaders will be invited to participate in the event, which will culminate in an international "white paper" to be distributed following the summit to provide models for others to consider for urban education reform.

The President of the United States and the Secretary of Education are invited guests, along with the Governor and other key reform leaders in the field of education. The cost of the summit will be covered by the proceeds from registration and sponsorship received.

There will be no additional costs to the district.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to participate as a co-host with Florida International University's Center for Urban Education and Innovation in a National Reform Summit on January 17-18, 2002, at the Biltmore Hotel.

There will be no additional costs to the district.

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