

Mr. Frank J. Cobo, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING TEACHING PROFESSION ACADEMIES IN SELECTED SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE ONE COMMUNITY ONE GOAL® INDUSTRY- FOCUS ACADEMY MODEL

Through the efforts of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and the *One Community One Goal®* initiative, industry-focus career academies have been established throughout Miami-Dade County. These academies ensure that students develop the necessary skills to meet challenging industry specific demands. They also establish Miami-Dade County as a truly global community with a superior business, financial, health, and information technology infrastructure. Education is the common key element for the success of all the industries. As the nation faces a critical shortage of qualified teachers, M-DCPS strives to develop highly qualified teaching professionals who will in turn prepare highly skilled students to meet the needs and demands of this community.

Currently, M-DCPS provides industry-specific career academies in the areas of film and entertainment, visitor industry, financial services, information technology, and biomedical. However, career academies have not been established in the area of education. The district provides teaching profession experience through curricular and extra-curricular models offered through the Teaching Professions Magnet Program at Miami Senior High School or the Professional Education Magnet at Miami-Norland Senior High School, and through Future Teachers of America clubs.

A study to determine the feasibility of establishing teaching profession academies in selected senior high schools, as part of *One Community One Goal's®* industry-focus academies should be conducted so that M-DCPS can provide educational opportunities and experiences to prepare students for the challenging demands and high expectations of Miami-Dade County's business community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
FRANK J. COBO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to study the feasibility of establishing teaching profession academies in selected senior high schools as part of *One Community One Goal's®* industry focus academies.

REPLACEMENT
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