

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of October 24, 2001

October 22, 2001

Frank J. Cobo, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO AMEND THE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2002 WHICH WAS APPROVED AT THE JULY 11, 2001 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TO REFLECT TWO BOARD MEETINGS PER MONTH

At the meeting of July 11, 2001, the Board approved Agenda Item H-1, Request for Approval of the Tentative Board Meeting Schedule for 2002. When the Board meets on Tuesday, November 20, 2001, it will give final approval to the recommended meeting schedule for January-December 2002.

Florida Statute §230.16 states in part, " The school board shall hold not less than one regular meeting each month for the transaction of business according to a schedule arranged by the school board." The dates approved in July reflect a schedule of one regular meeting per month. While in compliance with the law, I believe that one regular meeting per month is not adequate time to conduct the business of the nation's fourth largest school district. The need for two Board meetings a month was voiced to me by constituents during my campaign for School Board member, District 7. Now, as a sitting Board member, I know first hand the importance of two meetings per month to address the needs of all of the stakeholders in this community.

I propose that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to amend the 2002 Board meeting schedule to reflect two regular meetings per month and bring the amended dates to the November 14, 2001 meeting for tentative approval and to the November 20, 2001 Organization meeting for final approval.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to amend the 2002 Board meeting schedule to reflect two regular meetings per month and bring the amended dates to the November 14, 2001 meeting for tentative approval and to the November 20, 2001 Organization for final approval.

REPLACEMENT
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ITEM WITHDRAWN
(10/23/01)