

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of December 12, 2001

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Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD RULE: INITIAL READING
6Gx13- 6A-1.46, MAGNET PROGRAMS/SCHOOLS**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools originally developed the magnet program/school concept into an effective tool for balancing racial-ratios. Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.46, Magnet Programs/Schools, specifically delineates policy and procedures for magnet student enrollment to include administrative procedures that further the district's previously Court-ordered desegregation goals. On June 21, 2001, Judge William P. Dimitrouleas, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, granted unitary status to Miami-Dade County Public Schools, effective June 30, 2002. Consequently, Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.46, Magnet Programs/Schools, requires revision, particularly with regard to the use of race-based magnet admission procedures.

Revision of the aforementioned Board Rule is a direct result of the unitary status declaration. Modifications aim to establish magnet admission procedures inclusive of a mechanism to ensure that students from diverse backgrounds have the opportunity to attend specialized schools and programs in the district through the use of race-neutral admission measures.

Details of this Board Agenda Item in conjunction with a revised magnet Board Rule draft will be made available prior to the Board meeting of December 12, 2001.

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