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**SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE READING PLAN - THIRD
INTERIM REPORT: 2000-01 SCHOOL YEAR**

Following the implementation of the Comprehensive Reading Plan (CRP) in January, 1998, the Bureau of Elementary, Secondary, and Workforce Development Education requested that an evaluation of the plan be conducted by the Office of Evaluation and Research. The evaluation subsequently undertaken is longitudinal in nature. The data collection has spanned three school years: 1998-99 (year 1), 1999-00 (year 2), and 2000-01 (year 3). This interim report addresses the first three years of the plan's implementation.

The evaluation of the CRP yielded data on both the implementation and impact of the plan. Regarding its implementation, the analysis of the data revealed that considerable progress had been made by the conclusion of year 3 in providing training for the teachers, and that the training appears to be making an impact on the teachers' classroom practices. The results also revealed that, in general, appropriate students are being targeted for remediation, but there is evidence that the quantity of remediation activities at elementary schools with a high level of need is below expectations. Nevertheless, various remediation activities are being utilized; and these activities seem to have resulted in improvements in the students' reading performance. Additionally, controlled comparisons of the efficacy of the CRP have yielded encouraging results. The CRP seems to attain results that are either comparable to or better than those of well-regarded, established reading programs. A synopsis of the evaluation and its findings to date are presented in the Executive Summary on page ix.

Copies of this report will be distributed to Board Members, the Superintendent of Schools, and appropriate district staff and will be placed on file in the Office of the Recording Secretary to the School Board and in the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive and file the report Evaluation of the Comprehensive Reading Plan - Third Interim Report: 2000-01 School Year.