

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

**SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE
ON CLASS SIZE**

With the amendment to the Florida Constitution by the citizens of the state last week, the legislature and local school districts now have the awesome task of implementing a class size mandate of historic proportions.

In advance of the legislature beginning its deliberations on implementation strategies and funding sources during its 2003 legislative session, the School Board should formulate a sound, realistic, yet aggressive plan for reaching the desired outcomes of the class size amendment.

The Superintendent is directed to formulate a preliminary work-plan for review, deliberation and approval by the School Board prior to the start of the 2003 legislative session. This plan will address all aspects of implementation, including capital construction, personnel, operations and policy development.

This workplan will need to consider all factors impacting the completion of this goal, including; but not limited to:

- Projected capacity of existing current 5-year workplan
- Impact of the charter school movement and the "I-Choose" Choice Model
- Staffing needs
- Statutory obstacles where legislative intervention may help advance goal
- Timetable for implementation

The development of this plan and review by the board should be fast-tracked to be prepared for the start of the legislative session. The plan should be presented to the Legislative and Policy Development Committee.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the agenda because the class-size Constitutional Amendment recently passed by the voters of the county requires that the school district make adequate preparation of its workplan for implementation at the earliest date possible prior to the start of the 2003 legislative session.

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

That The Miami-Dade County School Board direct the Superintendent to develop preliminary implementation plan for compliance with the Florida Constitution's mandate on class size to be deliberated, reviewed and approved by the Board prior to the start of the 2003 legislative session.