

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF APPROVING A COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TEACH FOR AMERICA, INC., FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEACH FOR AMERICA PROGRAM DURING THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR

Teach For America, Inc., is a national corps of outstanding recent college graduates of all academic majors who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in expanding educational opportunity. Through aggressive recruitment, a rigorous selection process, intensive pre-service training, and extensive ongoing support, Teach For America, Inc., builds a corps of teachers who ensure their students make significant academic gains and who, in the long run, become effective educational leaders.

Teach For America, Inc., currently operates in 18 urban and rural areas nationwide, including the New York, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Houston, Chicago, Atlanta, Baltimore, New Orleans, Newark, Washington, D.C., and school districts. Teach For America, Inc., is in a position to develop three to five new sites for the fall of 2003 and is interested in establishing a program in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The cost of implementing the Teach for America Program would be \$1,500 per teacher per year. These funds are used by Teach for America, Inc. to provide staff development and ongoing support services to each teacher hired through the program. If deemed feasible, the Teach for America Program would be funded through the Title II Teacher and Principal Quality Program grant.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of approving a collaborative agreement between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Teach For America, Inc., for implementation of the Teach For America Program during the 2003-2004 school year.