

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of February 12, 2003

February 6, 2003

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS PER MONTH OR AN AGENDA BRIEFING SESSION FOR THE BOARD

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

On January 14, 2003, the Superintendent transmitted a memorandum researching School Board committees in Florida's large urban school districts and two other large urban districts outside of Florida (Los Angeles and Atlanta).

The research submitted indicates that all of these school districts generally have two Board meetings per month. This is consistent with the number of School Board meetings of Miami-Dade School Board prior to initiating the committee structure in 1997. Many of the districts cited in the Superintendent's research memorandum also hold various other types of meetings including conference and workshop sessions.

In an effort to keep the School Board better informed on critical school district initiatives, one way to achieve this objective is to re-institute two regularly scheduled School Board meetings per month. Another way to achieve this objective is to establish an agenda briefing session to allow the Superintendent and his staff to discuss the agenda for the one regular monthly meeting and to inform the Board about proposed or upcoming school district initiatives.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida do one of the following:

- (1) re-institute two regularly scheduled School Board meetings per month; or
- (2) establish a monthly agenda briefing session for the School Board.

REPLACEMENT

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