

Mr. Agustin J. Barrera, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO DEVELOP A PLAN
TO INCREASE THE CONTINGENCY FUND FOR 2003-04**

At its October 22, 2002 meeting, the School Board approved agenda item Revised Replacement D-13, sponsored by Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, directing the Superintendent to prepare an action plan for addressing the anticipated budgetary shortfall due to the decline in enrollment at the beginning of the 02-03 school year, and for increasing the District's contingency reserve.

At its February 12, 2003 meeting, the Board approved agenda item Replacement G-1, which outlined the Superintendent's plan to increase the Contingency Reserve to a level 10% higher than the \$22 million originally budgeted this year, and to submit a proposed budget for FY 03-04 that included a higher Contingency Reserve.

In addition to what was approved as a result of Ms. Hantman's agenda item, this item requests that the Superintendent provide the Board with a similar plan of action for increasing the Contingency Reserve for FY 03-04. This plan should present a strategy to increase our Contingency Reserve to a level of three (3) to five (5) percent of general fund operating revenues, or a level comparable to the needs of the District. This plan will be incorporated in the Annual Budget Plan that is submitted to the Board in June.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
AGUSTIN J. BARRERA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to develop a plan to increase the Contingency Fund for 2003-04.

**REPLACEMENT
D-18**