

Agustin J. Barrera, Member

SUBJECT: DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT AND THE SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY TO REVIEW THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CONE OF SILENCE ORDINANCE FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND BIDS, AND RECOMMEND AN APPROPRIATE SCHOOL BOARD RULE FOR CONSIDERATION

The Miami-Dade County Cone of Silence Ordinance was established to reduce undue influences upon Request for Proposals, Request for Qualifications, and bid selection processes by restricting communication between the vendor, service provider, bidder, lobbyist, or consultant and district employees.

This item requests that The School Board direct the Superintendent and the School Board Attorney to review the Miami-Dade County Cone of Silence Ordinance and recommend an appropriate School Board rule for consideration. The proposed School Board rule should include enough flexibility for staff to be able telephonically, by fax or e-mail, to obtain routine clarifications from proposers or bidders so that the procurement process will not be unduly impeded.

The Superintendent and the School Board Attorney's recommendation should be submitted to the Board no later than the May 14, 2003 School Board meeting. A copy of the Miami-Dade County Cone of Silence Ordinance will be forwarded to the Board under separate cover prior to the March 12, 2003 School Board meeting, and copies will be placed on file in the Office of the Recording Secretary to the School Board and in the Citizen Information Center.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent and the School Board Attorney to:

1. review the Miami-Dade County Cone of Silence Ordinance for Request for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications and bids; and
2. recommend an appropriate School Board rule for consideration no later that the May 14, 2003 School Board meeting.

**REPLACEMENT
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