

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE DISTRICT'S
NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO FULFILL
THE EXPANDED OPTIONS COMPONENT OF THE LAW**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

On January 8, 2002, the *No Child Left Behind* Act of 2001 (NCLB) was signed into law. The act contains four basic education reform principles: stronger accountability for results, increased flexibility and local control, expanded options for parents, and an emphasis on proven methods for teaching effectiveness.

The NCLB requires that Title I schools that do not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two consecutive years be identified for school improvement. Students attending Title I schools identified for school improvement must be offered the choice to attend another public school that is not identified for school improvement and is reasonable for the student to attend.

Currently, the following eight Miami-Dade County public schools and two district charter schools have been identified for Title I school improvement:

- Comstock Elementary School
- Dunbar Elementary School
- Edison Park Elementary School
- Floral Heights Elementary School
- Frederick Douglass Elementary School
- West Little River Elementary School
- Booker T. Washington Senior High School
- Miami Edison Senior High School
- Florida International Academy Charter Middle School
- Aspira South Youth Leadership Charter Middle School

Consequently, students assigned to these schools must be offered the choice to attend another public school that is not identified for school improvement, beginning in the 2003-2004 school year. In order to delineate procedures for providing public school choice to eligible students under the NCLB, the district has developed the *No Child Left Behind Public School Choice Implementation Plan*.

REPLACEMENT

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Copies of the district's *No Child Left Behind Public School Choice Implementation Plan* will be provided to School Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve the district's *No Child Left Behind Public School Choice Implementation Plan* to fulfill the expanded options component of the law; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to amend the plan, as necessary, to conform to changes in the law.

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