

Dr. Marta Perez, School Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, SPONSOR A LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

The purpose of this item is to request that the School Board sponsor a values-based leadership conference to engage student and community leaders in an educational dialogue to promote the district's core character-education values.

Through this conference, participants would define what the core values – citizenship, co-operation, fairness, honesty, integrity, kindness, pursuit of excellence, respect and responsibility - mean in various fields in various fields (e.g. law, medicine, journalism) and sectors (e.g. government, business) in our society. The results could be incorporated into the district's character education curriculum. The conference itself would remind community leaders of their responsibilities as role models and engage them in reinforcing the character education lessons we teach our students in the classroom.

Florida International University has volunteered use of a facility for the conference. It is suggested that the district seek additional community partners in planning the conference's educational program, handling logistics and securing funding.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PEREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, sponsor a values-based leadership conference to engage student and community leaders in an educational dialogue to promote the district's core character-education values, and direct the Superintendent of Schools to seek community partners in planning and funding the event.