

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE A REPORT OUTLINING THE INITIATIVES, INTERVENTIONS AND STRATEGIES USED IN BILINGUAL SCHOOL ORGANIZATION (BISO) SCHOOLS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THESE SCHOOLS RECEIVING A PERFORMANCE GRADE OF "A"**

**COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is committed to ensuring a quality educational program based on state and national standards. Challenging standards require that our students perform at increasingly higher levels every year. Schools are trying to meet these demanding standards by providing services and programs that address the academic needs of our diverse student population.

One model that provides increasingly higher levels of achievement, while attaining bilingual and biliterate proficiency, is the bilingual school organization. Miami-Dade County Public Schools has four full Bilingual School Organization (BISO) sites: Coral Way Elementary, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Elementary, Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary, and Southside Elementary Schools. For the 2002-03 school year, all four of these schools received a performance grade of "A" in the state's accountability system.

Authorization is requested to direct the Superintendent of Schools to prepare a report that identifies the initiatives, interventions and strategies implemented in BISO schools that contributed to maximizing student achievement. Particular emphasis should be given to those instructional strategies and leadership skills implemented in these schools. The report should be transmitted to the Board no later than January 2004.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. MARTA PEREZ:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent of Schools to provide a report no later than January, 2004, outlining the initiatives, interventions and strategies used in Bilingual School Organization (BISO) schools that contributed to these schools receiving a performance grade of "A."