

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED 2004 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM OF THE SOUTH  
FLORIDA CONSORTIUM OF SCHOOL BOARDS**

**COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

The South Florida Consortium of School Boards is a coalition of nine school boards that have joined to assist each other in advancing educational issues of mutual concern. The members include: Broward, Collier, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Orange, and Palm Beach.

On October 16 and 17, 2003, representatives of the Consortium met in Key West, Florida to finalize the draft of their proposed 2004 Legislative Program. The draft program includes only those items that were approved by the School Board representatives in attendance. Further, it adheres to the Consortium's policy of including only a select number of issues in order to ensure maximum cohesiveness in the program and concentration of Consortium resources on its priorities.

All nine Consortium school boards are being asked to review the draft program and to take official action on it. Each issue must be supported by all Consortium members to be included in the final adopted program. Once all nine boards have officially adopted the 2004 Legislative Program, the Consortium will print and distribute the document to the Governor, State Cabinet, all legislators, and interested citizen groups.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt the proposed 2004 Legislative Program of the South Florida Consortium of School Boards or modify as deemed appropriate.