

Merrett R. Stierheim, **Superintendent** of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ESTABLISH A DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANNING COUNCIL, COMPOSED OF DISTRICT, ACCESS CENTER, AND SCHOOL SITE PERSONNEL, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM PARENT, BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

Consistent with the recommendations and action steps delineated by OPPAGA, the District is preparing to revise and update the District Strategic Plan. An initial staff retreat recently took place that provided for a **preliminary** discussion of pertinent issues in anticipation of this review. To facilitate and support this review of the current plan and to develop and implement a revised plan, it is necessary to form a District Strategic Planning Council to insure broad stakeholder involvement. This group will investigate alternative strategies and objectives based on inputs from a variety of sources within the community; these will be presented to the Board for consideration at a later date.

One **of the** distinctive characteristics of a District Strategic Planning Council is the emphasis on the participation of individuals from all segments of the District and the community. Thus, the membership needs to be broad-based with representation from all areas of the administration as well as from community-based groups. The group may request additional assistance from other staff members for specific projects. It will include District, ACCESS Center, school site, parent, and other stakeholder group representatives. It will require a high degree of commitment with involvement and support from the entirety of the District and the community.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the agenda in order to immediately begin a review and modification of the current District Strategic Plan within the timeframe outlined in the District's response to OPPAGA as well as to provide sufficient time to include maximum stakeholder involvement.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to establish a District Strategic Planning Council, composed of District, ACCESS Center, and school site personnel, as well as representatives from parent, business, and community stakeholder groups.

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