

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

SUBJECT: THE EDUCATION FUND'S PARENT RESOURCE GUIDE

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

In May 2003, the Florida Legislature passed the Family and School Partnership for Student Achievement Act. This law, proposed by Representative Ralph Arza, requires all districts to develop and disseminate a parent guide to successful student achievement, consistent with guidelines developed by the Department of Education.

As a result of a cooperative effort between Miami-Dade Public Schools and The Education Fund, the Parent Resource Guide will be distributed to half a million households in Miami-Dade County. This trilingual guide is being published in English, Spanish and Creole and will include information on monitoring a child's educational progress and strategies for succeeding at school

As the leader in publishing this guide, The Education Fund is to be recognized for assembling a team of community partners for maximum content, reach and exposure. These included our District Access Operations and Bilingual Education offices, The Batchelor Foundation, Santillana Publishing Company USA, Washington Mutual, *The Miami Herald*, WFOR CBS4, and Curacao, in addition to an anonymous donor.

The Parent Resource Guide will be distributed in the February 6th edition of *The Miami Herald*, delivered to non-subscriber parent households and available at all schools and Access Centers. Its content will also be included on the dadeschools.net portal.

The Education Fund is the official K-12 non-profit educational foundation for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Thanks to the support and counsel of individuals like School Board Member Betsy Kaplan, they have previously taken a lead in parental involvement, such as with its Parent Resource Center.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
FRANK J. BOLAÑOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognize The Education Fund for its leadership in publishing the Parent Resource Guide, allowing Miami-Dade Schools to comply with the requirements of the Family and School Partnership for Student Achievement Act.