

Mr. Agustin J. Barrera, Member

SUBJECT: DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF MOVING THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT THE ENGLISH CENTER TO ANOTHER LOCATION

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The English Center, located at 3501 S.W. 28 Street, has a capacity of 801 student stations. Originally, it was constructed to be an elementary school, Dade Elementary, but it was later closed because of low enrollment.

At this time, approximately 4,600 students are currently served in adult programs such as cosmetology, web design, office applications/networking, child development associate, veterinarian assistant, computerized accounting and a myriad of other career choices, in day and evening classes, seven days a week.

Currently, the surrounding community includes Coral Gables Elementary, Silver Bluff Elementary, and Frances S. Tucker Elementary schools. Collectively, these schools serve 1,867 students. Two schools, Coral Gables Elementary and Silver Bluff Elementary, are over capacity, 150.73 percent, and 117.51 percent, respectively.

Based on the above information, the superintendent should study the feasibility of relocating the adult programs currently offered at the English Center and using the facility as an elementary school to relieve the overcrowding situation at these schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. AGUSTIN J. BARRERA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of moving the educational programs at the English Center to another location and report back by May 19, 2004.