

Mr. Frank J. Bolaños, Member

SUBJECT: K-8 CONVERSION POLICY

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

In recent years, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has been exploring methods and trends of revising the elementary and middle school grade configurations to include more kindergarten through grade eight centers (K-8). Because the initiative is an important one and involves the community, it is necessary to address their desires and concerns in converting a school's grade configuration.

On December 4, 2003, members of the School Board received a report entitled *Follow-up Evaluation of the K-8 Centers Program*. The report presented was the second phase of the K-8 centers evaluation. This report recommends the expansion of the K-8 center concept throughout the district.

In order to formalize this process, it is requested that a School Board rule be developed and be presented for initial reading no later than the Board meeting of June 16, 2004. The proposed rule should delineate the procedures necessary to facilitate the conversion of a school to a K-8 center.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to:

1. develop a School Board rule establishing procedures for the conversion of a school to a K-8 center; and
2. submit the School Board rule for initial reading no later than the Board meeting of June 16, 2004.

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