Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of May 19, 2004

May 5, 2004

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **RECEIVE THE REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE 2004 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

COMMITTEE: **LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES**

The 2004 Legislative Session adjourned on Friday, April 30, 2004. Of the 2,691 bills actually filed in the Senate and the House, 470 bills or 17% passed.

The annual debate on the District Cost Differential (DCD) was lost. Despite heroic efforts on the part of the Miami-Dade Delegation, the method used in calculating the coveted DCD was changed. Major education legislation focused on the implementation of the universal pre-kindergarten program constitutional amendment, middle school reform, workforce development funding formula, accelerated high school graduation options, teacher quality, and FCAT remedies.

Copies of a detailed summary of the Board's legislative agenda, the General Appropriations Act and a list of enrolled bills will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive the report on the results of the 2004 State Legislative Session.

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