

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY AND COST BENEFIT OF CREATING A DEMOGRAPHER/PLANNING POSITION WITHIN FACILITIES PLANNING FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING MORE ACCURATE FORECASTING FOR STUDENT GROWTH POPULATION

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

The ability to provide accurate student population growth forecast is essential for planning appropriately for school facilities. Currently, the district utilizes information provided by Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning as well as information provided by cities and municipalities via the inter-local agreement for school facility planning.

It was acknowledged at the Working Group on Public Schools Overcrowding Relief meeting of April 19, 2004 that there are several variables that are very challenging to assess and impact the District's ability to accurately plan for facilities. For instance, new developments in planning or permitting stages may not always be captured by census data utilized by Miami-Dade County. The same is true for intra-county shifts in population, and how these may impact under enrollment in some areas and over enrollment in others.

In an effort to achieve greater accuracy and to enhance the District's ability to plan for its facilities needs, both short and long term, I believe that it may be desirable to internalize this function. As such, I recommend that the Superintendent be directed to explore the feasibility and cost benefit of creating a demographer/planning position within the Facilities Planning department.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to explore the feasibility and cost benefit of creating a demographer/planning position within facilities planning for the purpose of obtaining more accurate forecasting for student growth population