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and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE
 COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE 2004 – 2005
 CLASS SIZE REDUCTION IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

At the School Board meeting of May 19, 2004, Mr. Agustin Barrera, Board Member, proposed agenda item D-4 which required the administration to devise a balanced plan of action to ensure that the class size reduction (CSR) requirements for the 2004-2005 school year are being implemented and to report to the Board at its meeting of June 16, 2004.

In response to the Board's direction, administration has developed an action plan that will ensure district compliance with the CSR requirement for the 2004-2005 school year. The action plan details objectives, timelines, and strategies designed to reduce the class size in the three grade-groupings on a districtwide basis. The proposed CSR implementation action plan is based largely on the research and recommendations of the Board-established ad hoc Class Size Reduction Implementation Task Force.

Among the many actions delineated in the district's plan to reduce class size is a proposal that the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) be extended for instructional personnel under specific conditions. } Added

Copies of the *2004-2005 Class Size Reduction Implementation Action Plan* will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive and approve the proposed *2004 – 2005 Class Size Reduction Implementation Action Plan*.

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