

Rudolph F. Crew, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPT THE FEASIBILITY REPORT ON STRUCTURED EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES TO OUTDOOR SUSPENSION**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

In response to Board Item D-14, School Board meeting of June 16, 2004, regarding the above-mentioned subject, staff members from the Office of Alternative Education and Dropout Prevention Programs have prepared the attached report. As its contents indicate, research was conducted on national best practices for outdoor suspension alternatives. Included in the report are synopses of national programs, as well as suggestions for programmatic changes to the concept of outdoor suspension for students at risk of dropping out of school.

Copies of the *Alternative to Outdoor Suspension: Research, Best Practices, and Current Programmatic Initiatives in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools District* 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 in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

**RECOMMENDED:**       That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, accept the feasibility report on structured alternatives to outdoor suspension.