

Mr. Agustin J. Barrera, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI, THE CUBAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, INC. (CNC) AND THE MIAMI- DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN PROMOTING AWARENESS ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY THROUGH THE CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES HEALTH FAIR

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

As part of the City of Miami Mayor's initiative (Task Force on Health) and the Cuban American National Council, Inc. to promote awareness on childhood obesity and related health issues affecting minorities in our community, The CNC and the City of Miami will host the first Health fair in Miami-Dade County focusing on informing communities about the connection between nutrition, fitness, certain chronic diseases and death tolls affecting our community.

Our hope is to bring clarity about the dangers of obesity and co morbidities associated to those that need it most in our community. There is a need to change the perception of minorities that being plump is healthy. This means changing and educating the perceptions of a community including parents, grandparents and other extended family such as aunts and uncles who are overweight and do not consider this a problem.

Additionally, we want to bring attention to best practices programs available to inner city neighborhoods that otherwise would not have access to them. We have invited distinguished health care experts from both the local and national levels to participate as speakers at our event as well as numerous local hospitals, health care providers, and health organizations that will provide free health screenings/exams, literature, health & nutrition presentations and other educational materials.

The Children and Families Health Fair will take place on December 11, 2004 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Shenandoah Park.

It is recommended that the Superintendent assign appropriate staff to work with the City of Miami Mayor's initiatives (Task Force on Health) and The Cuban American National Council, Inc. (CNC) in promoting awareness on childhood obesity through the Children's and Families Health Fair. This would include allowing information on the Health Fair to be passed out at our schools for the December 11th event and working in partnership for future Health Fairs.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. AGUSTIN J. BARRERA:**

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

1. establish a partnership with the City of Miami Mayor's initiatives (Task Force on Health) and The Cuban American National Council, Inc. (CNC) in promoting awareness on childhood obesity through the Children's and Families Health Fair on December 11, 2004.
2. allow schools to be able to pass out information on the health fair for December 11, 2004.