

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A DISTRICT-WIDE ELECTRONIC GRADEBOOK WITH PARENT ACCESSIBILITY OPTIONS

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Parents have restricted access to their child's grades and attendance. Unless a parent specifically communicates with a teacher, the parent only receives eight progress notifications throughout the school year. One is issued at the end of each quarter (report card) and another at approximately the half-way point of the quarter (progress report).

Parental involvement is key to a child's educational success. An online gradebook and parent viewer is an invaluable tool for parents, students and school-site administrators. Parents receive a username and password which allows them access to the gradebook. This access keeps parents informed and involved in motivating students and providing intervention if needed. Students and parents are able to view past and upcoming assignments, along with scores. The online gradebook reduces the frequency and time spent in one-to-one conferences and individual progress reports. The online gradebook allows school-site administrators to identify failing students and focus extra resources on them. Administrators can check student grades, run eligibility reports, maintain an internal referral system and monitor disciplinary matters.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

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

1. conduct a thorough review and determine which schools already use an electronic gradebook with a parent accessibility option; and
2. determine the cost and feasibility of implementing a district-wide electronic gradebook with a parent accessibility option by March 16, 2005 for the next school year.

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