

February 9, 2005

Sonia E. Díaz, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent  
Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO  
ENTER INTO A MUTUAL TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACTUAL  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDISON SCHOOLS, INC. AND THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR THE  
EDISON PROJECT AT HENRY E. S. REEVES ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

At the School Board meeting of May 16, 2001, the Board approved a contractual agreement with Edison Schools, Inc. (Edison) to continue the Edison Project at Henry E. S. Elementary School for academic years beginning July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2006. The original intent of the Edison Project was to offer a laboratory for educational innovation based on Edison's unique curriculum design, comprehensive educational programs, and management principles.

Now that certain issues and concerns have surfaced that seriously threaten the effectiveness and success of the project, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and Edison agree that it is in their best interest to cooperatively transition the operation and management of Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary from Edison to M-DCPS.

Upon authorization of the School Board, the contractual agreement dated July 1, 2001, will be terminated effective as of January 31, 2005. In consideration of services provided by Edison through the termination date, Edison will receive the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventeen and 00/100 (\$126,217.00) Dollars as the net balance of calculated revenue due Edison.

Both Edison and M-DCPS mutually agree that the students and families of this school will be best served by operating fully as part of the M-DCPS system. Accordingly, this request is for the School Board to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a mutual termination agreement that terminates the Edison Project at the Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School. Supplemental information regarding this termination will be provided to the Board under separate cover.

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**RECOMMENDED:**

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

1. enter into a termination agreement with Edison Schools, Inc. to mutually terminate the Contractual Agreement dated July 1, 2001, between Edison Schools, Inc. and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for the operation and management of Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School, effective as of January 31, 2005; and
2. pay Edison Schools, Inc., \$126,217.00 as the net balance of calculated revenue due for services provided through the effective date of termination.