

March 15, 2005

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: **REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO PREPARE A REPORT ON A DISTRICTWIDE CLEAN RESTROOM INITIATIVE**

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COMMITTEE: **INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Restroom conditions at many of our schools are deplorable. In order to ensure that our students have access to clean and operable bathrooms on campus, a district wide initiative needs to be implemented in order to ensure a collaborative effort between parents, students, staff, and administrators. Points to be taken into consideration:

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- **Clean Bathrooms:** school restrooms will be thoroughly cleaned overnight and will be restocked with soap and paper supplies throughout the school day.
- **Regular Inspections and Monitoring:** Restroom attendants can be assigned to monitor, spot clean, and restock student restrooms and to provide an adult presence to discourage vandalism. Students, faculty, and district employees who visit schools are urged to inspect restrooms and report needed repairs to the school principal
- **Repairing School Bathrooms:** Compile an inventory of all student restrooms to determine needed repairs. Address such repairs as soon as possible and create a schedule as to response time for trouble calls (i.e. inoperative sinks, stall doors, will be repaired in 48 hours).
- **Student Involvement:** The student population must be informed of the importance of keeping their school restrooms clean as well as informing them of their responsibilities and role in this initiative.
- **Parent Involvement:** Parents will work with the schools to develop behavior standards to maintain clean, functioning bathrooms on campus.

Maintaining a hygienic atmosphere in which our students can thrive is an issue that deserves the consideration of this Board.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PEREZ:**

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

- 1. Prepare a report on present
conditions and corrective actions
to ensure that a hygienic
atmosphere in school restrooms
exist; and**
- 2. Present a report to the Board
at its May 18, 2005 meeting**

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