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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE *MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SECONDARY SCHOOL REFORM FRAMEWORK, PHASE ONE*

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In the fall of 2004, a think tank comprised of selected middle and senior high school principals, region center staff and District administrators was tasked with the evaluation of urban secondary schools and the development of a conceptual secondary school reform framework. Throughout the process, significant research was reviewed to ensure that this framework was aligned to the growing body of literature being produced at the state and national levels. Careful consideration was also given, however, to ensure that the final proposal was designed to ensure success in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Following the formulation of the framework, a secondary school reform plan was constructed, with a multi-year phased-in timeline.

Authorization is requested to accept the *Miami-Dade County Public Schools Secondary School Reform Framework, Phase One*. The underlying principle of the plan is to alter significantly the educational experience of students in grades six through twelve with the intention of meeting the following goals:

- raise the academic performance of all students;
- increase the graduation rate;
- reduce the achievement gap;
- implement a cycle of continuous improvement in academics; and
- produce literate graduates who are ready for college, career, and citizenship.

Copies of the *Miami-Dade County Public Schools Secondary School Reform Framework, Phase One* 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 the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33132.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. receive *Miami-Dade County Public Schools Secondary School Reform Framework, Phase One*; and
2. approve the plan contained therein.

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