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SUBJECT: RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE OPERATION OF WLRN-FM AND WLRN-TV AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO CARRY OUT THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING AMENDMENT TO BOARD RULE 6GX13- 8C-1.011, ROLE AND AUTHORITY OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AS LICENSEE/TRUSTEE OF WLRN-TV AND WLRN-FM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Federal Communications Commission has licensed the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to operate WLRN-TV and WLRN-FM. At its November 17, 2004 meeting, the Board asked through Agenda Item D-6 for the Superintendent to review the stations' management and operations to ensure that it was fulfilling its obligations as licensee.

In response to Agenda Item D-6 introduced by Board Vice Chair Dr. Robert B. Ingram and approved by the Board on November 17, the Chief Communications Officer, to whom the General Manager of WLRN reports, conducted the requested review of "all relevant laws, Board rules, regulation, policies and procedures pertinent to the operation and management of WLRN" with the assistance of the stations' senior management, the Superintendent's Office and the School Board Attorney's Office.

Copies of the report will be transmitted to the Board under separate cover and will be placed on file in the Office of the Recording Secretary and the Citizens Information Center.

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

1. accept the report on the operation of WLRN-FM and WLRN-TV;
2. authorize the Superintendent to carry out the recommendations in the report; and
3. authorize the Superintendent specifically to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.011, Role and Authority of the School Board as Licensee/Trustee of WLRN-TV and WLRN-FM.