

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

Rudolph F. Crew, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF AN ACADEMY BASED ON THE CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION PROGRAM TO BE SITED AT MIAMI LAKES EDUCATIONAL CENTER

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

In recognition of the desirability to install a rigorous academic module at Miami Lakes Educational Center which reflects the interests of the community and the District, it has been decided after extensive research to respond with an academy subscribing to the Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Program.

The academy will begin operating in the 2005-2006 school year serving approximately one hundred grade nine students and add the next grade level each successive year of operation concluding in the 2008-2009 school year.

The goal of the academy is to provide its students with a learning program that, in addition to advanced factual knowledge, develops problem-solving and evaluation skills that will equip them with competencies valued by employers and universities worldwide.

This program, developed and administered by the University of Cambridge, provides teacher training; continued support by a Teacher Support team, an on-line support site, and workshops; textbooks, classroom materials, and syllabuses.

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education awarded to students who successfully complete this program is recognized internationally as comparable to the International Baccalaureate and The North American Advanced Placement Program.

Authorization is requested to create an academy based on the Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Program at Miami Lakes Educational Center commencing in the 2005-2006 school year. The initial year implementation costs for the operation of this academy will not exceed \$150,000.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2005-2006 Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2005, under Fund 0100, Function 5103, Program 9780, various Objects, Location 7391.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN AND
SUPERINTENDENT RUDOLPH F. CREW:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the creation of an academy based on the Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Program to be sited at Miami Lakes Educational Center.

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