

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

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE *THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT REQUIRE CORRECTIVE ACTION*

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At its June 21, 2005 meeting, the State Board of Education directed school districts with schools that have received repeated "F" grades to present a plan that responds to the schools' chronic poor performance.

Under Section 1008.33 (2), Florida Statutes, the State Board of Education exercised its authority to require districts to take action with repeating "F" schools. The State Board described four alternatives from which districts must choose in addressing the repeating "F" schools:

- Close the school permanently;
- Convert the school into a charter school;
- Contract with a private management company to run the school; or
- Dramatically restructure the school in a way that makes significant changes in governance and staffing.

Currently, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has three repeating "F" schools that fall into this category – Miami Edison Senior High School, Miami Central Senior High School, and Holmes Elementary School. The proposed plan for these schools includes significant restructuring of the academic programs and the physical plants.

In addition to the actions required by the state to address repeating "F" schools, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) also requires sanctions for Title I schools that fail to meet AYP for four consecutive years. These sanctions include:

- Replacing the school staff;
- Instituting and fully implementing a new curriculum;
- Significantly decreasing management authority at the school level;
- Appointing an outside expert to advise the school;
- Extending the school year or school day; or
- Restructuring the internal organizational structure of the school.

Currently, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has eight schools (including two charter schools) that require federal corrective action under NCLB. These schools include:

- Comstock Elementary School
- Frederick Douglass Elementary School
- Edison Park Elementary School
- Dr. Henry W. Mack/West Little River Elementary School
- Booker T. Washington Senior High School
- Miami Edison Senior High School
- Florida International Academy Charter
- ASPIRA South Youth Leadership Academy

To address this federal requirement, the proposed implementation plan delineates specific actions for each of these schools as it pertains to their specific needs.

Copies of *The Implementation Plan for Miami-Dade County Public Schools That Require Corrective Action* will be transmitted to 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.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the *Implementation Plan for Miami-Dade County Public Schools That Require Corrective Action*.

RFC/ea