

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Member

**SUBJECT: IMPLICATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DECISION
ON INTERPRETATION OF NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND LAW**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The United States Department of Education recently granted the State of Florida a waiver as to the interpretation of the No Child Left Behind requirement that all "subgroups" make "adequate yearly progress". The interpretation provides that a subgroup must consist of at least 15% of a school's enrollment for NCLB reporting purposes.

The distribution of Exceptional Student Education classes and services has not been consistent across the District schools, resulting in large populations in some schools and very small populations in other schools. It is appropriate to distribute services more evenly amongst schools, so that ESE children are able to receive more personal services in smaller populations and do not have to travel long distances to receive needed services.

The Superintendent should review all Exceptional Student Services and populations to distribute such services and populations fairly across the District.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. EVELYN LANGLIEB GREER:

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

1. Request that the Superintendent review the distribution of Exceptional Student Services and populations across District schools and determine whether to restructure ESE programs in order to provide more personal services to smaller populations and so that ESE students do not have to travel long distances to receive needed services.
2. That the Superintendent report on such review at the December Board meeting.