

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT ONE
REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD 401(K)
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

At the Board meeting of October 20, 2004, the Board authorized the appointment of Dr. Richard H. Hinds, Interim Chief Financial Officer, to the open position as an official representative of the Board to serve on the Vista Management Company (VMC) 401(k) Advisory Council.

Now that Mr. Martin A. Berkowitz has assumed the position of Chief Financial Officer, it is being recommended that he assume the role vacated by Dr. Hinds as one of the two representatives on the council. Mr. Joseph Flynn, Director, Cost and Business Services, Office of Risk and Benefits Management is the second representative on the council. As has occurred in the past for all representatives, authorization is also sought to have the Superintendent sign an agreement indemnifying Mr. Berkowitz from personal liability while serving on the council.

A copy of the agreement requiring the Superintendent's signature, stipulating that Mr. Martin A. Berkowitz, Chief Financial Officer, is a member of the Advisory Council, and providing him with the appropriate indemnification is included as part of this item.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida appoint Mr. Martin A. Berkowitz, Chief Financial Officer, to the open position as one of the two official representatives of the Board to serve on the Vista Management Company 401(k) Advisory Council and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the included agreement on behalf of the Board, indemnifying Mr. Martin A. Berkowitz from personal liability while serving as one of the Board's duly authorized representatives on the Vista Management Company 401(k) Advisory Council.

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