

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO INITIATE RULEMAKING PROCEEDINGS TO AMEND SCHOOL BOARD RULE: 6Gx13- 6A- 1.48, K-8 CENTERS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

At its September 7, 2005 meeting, the School Board gave favorable consideration to the recommended conversion of Miami Lakes Elementary to a K-8 center, with the understanding that: 1) a full traffic study would be commissioned to review and address the potential impact of the conversion on neighborhood traffic; and 2) additional meetings will be held with the community to discuss the study's findings. At that time, while there was considerable public support for the proposed K-8 conversion as an educational choice from both parents and school faculty, there was also an acknowledgement that the traffic impacts on the adjacent neighborhood need to be properly considered as an integral part of that conversion process.

The current School Board rule governing the application and review process for consideration of K-8 conversions, provides for a review of the requests in the context of the particular educational facility's overall suitability; it does not however, require a detailed review of traffic related concerns, beyond normal drop-off and pick-up stacking requirements, as part of the initial feasibility analysis and as such, may at times leave unanswered broader questions relating to potential traffic impacts on bordering communities.

The intent of this item is to address that shortcoming by requesting the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings to amend School Board rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.48, K-8 Centers, to ensure that as part of the initial facilities related analysis, a sufficiently detailed traffic analysis of the impact on neighboring communities is also conducted; and that such traffic impact analysis is shared and discussed with all the relevant stakeholders early on in the process, prior to submittal of the final recommendation on a proposed K-8 conversion to the School Board.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings at the December 14, 2005 School Board meeting to amend School Board rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.48, K-8 Centers, to ensure that in connection with proposed K-8 conversions, as part of the initial facilities related analysis, a sufficiently detailed traffic analysis of the impact on neighboring communities is also conducted; and that such traffic impact analysis is shared and discussed with all the relevant stakeholders early on in the process, prior to submittal of the final recommendation on a proposed K-8 conversion to the School Board.