

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO FACILITATE DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION
 ABOUT THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC)**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools are an important resource in and focus of every community in our County. Opening our schools to the community and using our schools more actively as a community asset is a critical part of this Board and District's effort to involve our parents, our business community and our residents in our schools and in a lifetime of learning.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a Federal program that allows low income families who file federal income tax returns to receive a reverse tax payment that supplements their family income. Miami-Dade County has a huge population of families who qualify for the EITC. The local effort to inform families about the Earned Income Tax Credit is a County-wide effort that should involve all of our public schools. Most of the families who qualify for the EITC have children who attend public school and the public schools should be a distribution point for information.

Our schools should be a community resource in this effort and allow the distribution of EITC flyers with information about the EITC program at the school registration site, at PTSA meetings, at Open School Night, etc. Parents or caregivers should receive EITC flyers with regular information that is distributed to students in school. Established community groups that are providing information about the EITC should be permitted to distribute such information on the school site, to make presentations on the school site and to speak to parents about the EITC.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. EVELYN LANGLIEB GREER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

- 1) allow the distribution of EITC flyers with information about the EITC program at the school site and such information should be sent home with regular information that is distributed to students in school;
- 2) allow EITC representatives to schedule visits and presentations on the school site to speak to the parents about the EITC.