

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Member

SUBJECT: FIVE YEAR BUDGET ANALYSIS FOLLOW-UP

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

An orderly Budget process includes the analysis of the long term impact of current decisions, such as salary structures and staffing levels, construction of smaller versus larger schools, investments in capital projects such as technology, and leveraging of District-owned assets. These impacts are generally felt over many years, and should be analyzed over a three to five year timeline.

At our January Board meeting, the School Board received the Superintendent's Five Year Budget analysis, which contained a solid set of conservative assumptions and projections as to the financial future of the District. As with all projections, this is a work in progress; assumptions may prove incorrect and unanticipated events may occur. However, the purpose of a Five Year Plan is to provide information to the School Board to use in creating contingency plans to avoid last minute decision. Given the "budget gap" reflected in the Five Year Budget analysis, it is fiscally prudent for the School Board to prepare contingency plans in a non-crisis environment t, so that the Board may make current financial decisions with an understanding of the long term implications of such decisions.

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

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

1. Request that the Superintendent prepare and present the following contingency plans to be considered for fiscal year 2006-2007 in light of anticipated budget deficits resulting from the decline in student enrollment and the announced reduction of federal funding:
 - a. A contingency plan to close underutilized schools and consolidate schools;
 - b. A contingency plan to reduce the workforce and downsize the payroll;
 - c. A contingency plan to outsource non-educational services;
 - d. Such other proposals to reduce expenses as the Superintendent wishes to recommend.
2. That the Superintendent report the findings to the School Board at the April meeting.