

Rudolph F. Crew, Ed.D, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE *MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SECONDARY SCHOOL REFORM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN*

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On March 16, 2005, the Miami-Dade County Public School Board approved the Secondary School Reform Framework. Following the formulation of the framework, a secondary school reform plan was constructed, with a multi-year phased-in timeline. The Plan details the District's roadmap for substantively altering the education experience of all middle and senior high school students to ensure rigorous preparation based on international and career standards, personalized instructional environments designed to engage learners for longer periods of time in real world applications of academic concepts, and opportunities to expand learning through partnerships with local businesses, colleges and universities.

The Five-Year Budget Analysis presented to the School Board at the January 5, 2006 meeting included a provision for funding for Secondary School Reform (SSR), with projected costs for fiscal year 2006-2007 at \$12 million, approximately \$1 million per school. Once this plan is approved, these funds will be included in the budget presented to the Board for the next fiscal year.

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The multi-phase, multi-year Plan provides a review of Phase I: 2004-2005, a progress report on Phase II: 2005-2006, and an implementation plan for Phase III: 2007-2011. Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, eleven high schools will be implementing an eight-class flexible schedule which will allow for common planning for core teachers on teams/career academies; as well as increasing the number of elective opportunities available to students and offering a career/professional experience to every graduating senior. After joint presentations by United Teachers of Dade (UTD) and District personnel, staff at these eleven sites decided through an affirmative vote of 66% or more to implement the new schedule structure. The schools participating in Cohort 1 of the SSR are: John A. Ferguson Senior, Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior, Miami Beach Senior, Miami Douglas MacArthur Senior, Miami Edison Senior, Miami Jackson Senior, Miami Senior, Miami Southridge Senior, North Miami Beach Senior, Ronald Reagan/Doral Senior, and Booker T. Washington Senior. Authorization is requested to approve the *Miami-Dade County Public Schools Secondary School Reform Plan*.

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Copies of the *Miami-Dade County Public Schools Secondary School Reform Plan* will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33132.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Secondary School Reform Plan.

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