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SUBJECT: ACCEPT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS/MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EDUCATION COMPACT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT AND PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

On February 15, 2006, and March 7, 2006, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (Board), and the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (BCC), respectively, voted in the best interest of the residents and students of Miami-Dade County to initiate and codify the Miami-Dade County Public Schools/Miami-Dade County Education Compact. In accordance with the direction of the Board and the BCC, District and County staff have developed an Education Compact Implementation Report and Program.

As a result of the initiation of the Education Compact between the District and the County, staff members from both entities were identified as “designated counterparts” aligned to each of the identified Areas of Opportunity and broken down to subgroups to begin the work of the Compact. The subgroups, which included Procurement, Training and Development, Emergency Management, Facility Usage, Technology, Transportation, Financing and Debt Management, Land Use, Communication, and Policy and Legal Support met collectively on March 30, 2006, to discuss the vision and goals of the Education Compact. Thereafter, each subgroup began the task of identifying current areas of collaboration, areas where improvement is needed and developing plans for immediate and future joint efforts that will be of benefit to both the County and the District.

The result of this work is the development of a comprehensive Implementation Report and Program which includes collaborative projects to be addressed over the next year, along with corresponding implementation schedules, the compilation of a matrix of existing partnerships between the County and the District, and a formal designation of staff counterparts to facilitate expedited communication. Some of the projects identified for immediate implementation include: joint procurement of financial services; the Development of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) at District schools, the creation of a “pet friendly” hurricane shelter; the creation of internship opportunities within County departments aligned with the Superintendent’s Secondary Reform Initiative; the creation of a pilot program to offer public transportation benefits to District employees; collaboration related to continuing education of existing personnel such as commercial truck drivers, customer service personnel, and computer operators; and the development of methodology to regularly review and coordinate facility improvement plans.

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The Education Compact Implementation Report and Program will be submitted to the School Board under separate cover.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, accept the Miami-Dade County Public Schools/Miami-Dade County Education Compact Implementation Report and Program

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