Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of June 14, 2006

Frank J. Bolaños, School Board Member

SUBJECT:

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN FROM THE HURTFUL & INSULTING DISTORTIONS OF THE BOOK "VAMOS A CUBA" BY REMOVING THESE BOOKS FROM ALL OF

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES

COMMITTEE:

INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL

RELATIONS

The selection of books in our school libraries is as important as the adoption of a textbook in a classroom, as delineated in School Board Rule 6Gx13-6A-1.26, which includes standards that make it the responsibility of the district to "provide materials that are free of bias, stereotypes, distortions and prejudices, and information that "represents" the many religious, racial, ethnic, linguistic and cultural groups in our society and reflect their contributions to the heritage and culture of our civilization." The book in question clearly does not meet this standard.

Details of this item are forthcoming.