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**SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF DISTRICT
SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, AND ENGINEERING COMPETITIONS**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At the School Board meeting on February 15, 2006, Dr. Martin Karp proffered Item B-14, Declining Focus on Student-Oriented Science Research and Participation in Competitions, which was approved by the full Board. Within this Board item, six recommendations were to be addressed by staff from Curriculum and Instruction. The first of these recommendations, addressing science, mathematics, and engineering competitions and the efforts to continue support for student participation throughout the district, is included in this report. The other five recommendations will be reported at the August 2, 2006 meeting.

Staff from Curriculum and Instruction has developed a report that delineates a plan to increase student participation in these worthwhile activities. District Priority funds allocated to Elementary and Secondary Education in the tentative 2006-2007 budget to be adopted will be utilized to support the plan. No additional funds are needed to support this initiative.

Copies of the report on science, mathematics, and engineering competitions 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 Office.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida accept the report on the status of science, mathematics, and engineering competitions.

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