

Office of Human Resources  
Mariaelena Vidal, Human Resources Officer

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS OF PERSONNEL NEW TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

The following recommended appointment reflects assignment of Managerial Exempt Personnel (MEP) to the District. The MEP recommendation is made in accordance with Board Rules 6Gx13-4A-1.16, and 6Gx13-4A-1.61. The assignments and appointments of personnel may be as a result of the Board-approved advertisement and selection process or by a direct appointment of an individual who has demonstrated the specific qualifications and background applicable to the position.

**Ms. Deborah L. Barrett Cooke** is recommended for appointment to the open budgeted position of Executive Director, TEC, MEP pay grade 22, Teacher Education Center. Ms. Cooke received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Nova University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Ms. Cooke's work history includes Manager, Staff Development Department, Instructional Specialist, Performance Development Department, Exceptional Student Education (ESE) resource teacher and ESE Support Team Member, The School District of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach, Florida.

**Mr. Felipe M. Noguera** is recommended for appointment to the open budgeted position of Chief Communications Officer, MEP pay grade 26, Office of Public Information. Mr. Noguera received a Bachelor's Degree in East Asian Studies from Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts and a Master's Degree in Law and Diplomacy from Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts. Mr. Noguera's work history includes Executive Chairman, Astra Communications (Global) Network; Chief Executive Officer, The Cable Company of Trinidad and Tobago; Chief Executive Officer, Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce, and Secretary General/Managing Director, Caribbean Association of National Telecommunications Organizations, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

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**RECOMMENDED:** That effective August 3, 2006 or as soon thereafter as can be facilitated, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, appoint:

1. **Ms. Deborah L. Barrett Cooke** to the open budgeted position of Executive Director, TEC, MEP pay grade 22, Teacher Education Center, effective upon completion of background check, and
2. **Mr. Felipe M. Noguera** to the open budgeted position of Chief Communications Officer, MEP pay grade 26, Office of Public Information, effective upon completion of background check.

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