

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR UPDATE AND REVIEW OF ATTENDANCE
BOUNDARY PROCESS**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Over the past two years and over the next two years, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools will complete almost 70,000 new classroom seats in Miami-Dade County. Such seats are located in modular buildings built to relieve overcrowding in targeted areas where no new schools are planned as well as over forty new schools to relieve overcrowding.

In addition, many areas of Miami-Dade County that were relatively underdeveloped have gained substantial school age population while the school age population in other areas has declined. No Countywide review of attendance boundaries has been conducted in at least twenty years, and many current boundaries no longer rationally relate to the student population in the neighborhood, the capacity of the school and the changes in the neighborhood.

Further, the Miami-Dade County Public School District has an obligation under the Class Size Reduction amendment to the Florida Constitution to analyze the capacity of every school in the County in light of the new class size requirements and to establish the Class Size Reduction enrollment capacity for every school. Such capacity may be difference than the previously established capacity of such schools and, as such, may require review of attendance boundaries in order to comply with Class Size Reduction requirements.

In light of these factors, including the creation of substantial numbers of new student stations, the shift in student populations around the County, the constitutional requirement to reduce class size and the need to create many new attendance boundary areas for the new schools under construction, this is the moment to undertake a Countywide analysis of attendance boundaries, rather than engaging in a piecemeal approach on a region by region, school by school basis.

A Countywide review of attendance boundaries would materially increase District efficiency by aligning school boundaries to current and foreseeable future neighborhood student populations, optimize the appropriate utilization of school facilities, create more efficient transportation requirements.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. EVELYN LANGLIEB GREER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County,
Florida:

1. Direct the Superintendent to review the process of establishing school attendance boundaries in order to create a countywide boundary process that aligns all school boundaries with current and foreseeable shifts in student population growth, with the mandate of Class Size Reduction and with the impact of the 70,000 new student stations being completed in the District.
2. Request that the Superintendent report to the Board at the November 21, 2006 meeting as to such review and make such recommendations as are appropriate to ensure the creation this school year of school attendance boundaries that reflect current and foreseeable shifts in student population growth, the mandate of Class Size Reduction and the impact of the 70,000 new student stations being completed in the District.