Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of November 21, 2006

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Board Member

SUBJECT:

REVIEW OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT IN MIDDLE

SCHOOL AND IMPACT ON MUSIC AND ART ELECTIVES

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

A comprehensive Wellness Program was adopted by the Board at the May 10, 2006 meeting. The Wellness Program included a requirement that each middle school student take one year of physical education as an elective.

This well intentioned requirement has had the unintended consequence of preventing some students from taking music, art and other courses as their elective. This has reduced the number of students participating in Band and art programs, to the detriment of the students and the programs.

ACTION PROPOSED BY EVELYN LANGLIEB GREER:

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request that the Superintendent:

1. Review the unintended impact of the Wellness Program requirements on the ability of students to take music, art and other elective courses and advise the Board at the January meeting of any modifications or revisions that the Superintendent recommends to the Wellness Program to remedy the impact of the program's requirements on music, art and other electives.

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