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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD ESTABLISH THE A

**BUSINESS-COMMUNITY SCHOOL EVALUATION COMMITTEE** 

## COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On June 27, 1987, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida entered into its first collaborative agreement with American Bankers Insurance Group (nee) to establish the District's first Satellite Learning Center (SLC) on the Assurant Solutions campus. The District currently operates two satellite learning centers; one at Assurant Solutions with students enrolled in grades kindergarten through five, and the other at the Mount Sinai Medical Center, with students enrolled in grades kindergarten through two.

Cutler Ridge Elementary School serves as the host school for the operation of the Assurant Solutions SLC. North Beach Elementary School serves as the host school for the Mount Sinai Medical Center SLC. Combined these SLCs serve approximately 290 students.

Section 1013.721, Florida Statutes, A Business-Community School Program, requires school districts to establish an A Business-Community School Evaluation Committee. The committee shall be established by the School Board; its membership recommended by the Superintendent; and shall be minimally composed of one school district administrator, at least one member of the business community, and at least one member of a local chamber of commerce. Additionally, in accordance with the contract between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the United Teachers of Dade (UTD), Article XXVI, Section 11-B Satellite Learning Center Committee, authorization is requested to include a representative from the UTD.

Among other duties, the committee is to create and implement a strategic marketing plan to inform businesses about the benefits of the A Business-Community school program. Moreover, the committee is to review proposals and shall recommend to the School Board those proposals for satellite learning centers which the committee deems viable and worthy of being established. The committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall provide an annual report to the School Board and the Superintendent regarding its activities during the preceding school year.

No local funds are required.

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

- 1. establish the A Business-Community School Evaluation Committee;
- 2. appoint members recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the A Business-Community School Evaluation Committee; and
- 3. that the Superintendent will transmit to the Board the names of those identified to serve on the Committee, once the membership has been established.

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