

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: UPDATE AND REPORT ON ISSUES FROM THE FLORIDA
SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION (FSBA)**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

LINK TO DISTRICT

**STRATEGIC PLAN: ESTABLISH GREATER ALLIANCE WITH LEGISLATIVE
BODIES**

At the March 30, 2007, Board of Directors' meeting of the Florida School Board Association (FSBA) several issues were discussed and voted on by the members. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the FSBA web site (<http://www.fsba.org/>). Some highlights of the meeting are stated below:

- Reauthorization of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is coming up. Forty changes have been identified. The State of Florida is debating an opt out bill that would exempt it from NCLB. Bills are making their way through U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress that would align all states. Additional discussion and a probability is a "**national high stakes test**" to level the playing field for all states.
- Public Schools/Children Service Partnerships. There are 8 Children Service Councils in the State of Florida. They cannot provide funding to schools but can provide services (health services, counseling, etc.) Miami-Dade County is taking advantage of this relationship by working with The Children's Trust.
- Master Board Certification update. Currently 47 of the 65 counties are Master Board Certified. Should Miami-Dade County be interested, classes can be set up to begin the recertification process.
- Web site for Florida School Board Association (FSBA) is now available to all School Board Members in the State for certification, legislative updates, information, and other important matters.
- FSBA Bylaws have been updated to reflect current trends. Miami-Dade County is one of 27 districts that can appoint a "Board of Director" to the FSBA. Directors and Alternates must be elected by the whole Board by July 1, should none be elected, the President of FSBA will appoint one. Appointments are for 2 years. If Director misses two consecutive meetings then the Alternate becomes the Director. If the alternate is unable or there is no alternate the FSBA President will appoint.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, accept the report of the March, 30, 2007, Board of Directors' Meeting of the Florida School Board Association (FSBA).