Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of October 17, 2007

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY OF SAME FAMILY

DISCLOSURE

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY OF DECISION MAKING

THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

In an effort to foster transparency and avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, the Superintendent, his cabinet and School Board Members should disclose the existence of any relatives who work with or for companies that do business with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), as well as relatives employed by M-DCPS.

School Board Rule 6Gx13- 4A-1.18, Assignment – Members of the Same Family, defines a relative as "father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, grandfather, grandmother, grandchild or any person who resides in the same residence as the supervisor".

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. MARTA PÉREZ:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 4A-1.18, Assignment – Members of the Same Family to require that the Superintendent, his cabinet, and School Board Members disclose the names of any and all relatives (as defined by the rule):

- 1. employed by M-DCPS; and
- 2. employed in any capacity by any company that does business with M-DCPS.