Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of March 12, 2008

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT:

TIME LIMIT ON PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE:

INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY

**ENGAGEMENT** 

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STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION

The School Board holds only one public hearing a month. This is the only time citizens may address the full board.

Imposing a time limit on the length of the Public Hearing curtails the rights of our constituents, and sends the message that we do not care enough to spend time listening to their concerns. Yet, Board Members discuss at length topics that may be important to a few.

This item proposes that we strike language in School Board Rule 6Gx-13- <u>8C-1.17</u>, Citizen Appearances – Board Meetings, that limits the length of the Public Hearing.

## ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. MARTA PÉREZ:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings to amend School Board Rule 6Gx-13-8C-1.17, Citizen Appearances – Board Meetings, to strike language in paragraph 4 under Section I.A., that limits the length of the Public Hearing.