

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
PLANNING GOAL: STRENGTHEN BUSINESS AND OTHER COMMUNITY  
PARTNERSHIPS FOR ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING  
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

Various businessmen and community leaders who have always supported public education to a great extent, including their involvement in the recruitment and selection of the district's previous Superintendent, recently approached me. They wish to continue their involvement in, and support of, the education of our students in a manner that would mitigate the cost of concluding the previous Superintendent's contract.

I believe that no effort should be spared to offset the impact of this necessary transition on the district's budget. This is the opportune time to explore and engage the community to move forward in minimizing the impact of the transition on the budget so that academic achievement is the priority. Potential contributors should be advised that donations to the district are tax-deductible and may be made from corporate or personal funds.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE-CHAIR  
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to explore opportunities to engage in discussions with community leaders to seek means to mitigate the cost incurred in concluding the previous Superintendent's contract, and thereby minimize any impact on the district's budget.