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SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' DISTRICT PLAN FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER STUDENTS, 2008-2009 AND AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS BY ALL STUDENTS

Section 1003.56, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-6.0905, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), Requirements for the District English Language Learners (formerly know as Limited English Proficient) Plan, require that every three years each school district submit a plan which must be designed in accordance with Rules 6A-6.0900 through 6A-6.09091, FAC, and all other applicable rules for providing instruction to English Language Learner (ELL) students. The district ELL plan for the 2008-2009 school year must be submitted to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for review and approval. The FDOE is requiring that all districts follow the same format and submit the plan on-line.

The district's plan of action for ELL students reflects changes that align with requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and recently revised Florida State Rules 6A-6.0902 and 6A-6.0903. A draft of the new district plan for ELL students was shared with various groups for review and input. The district ELL Parent Leadership Council reviewed it on August 26, 2008 and a focus group that included teachers, assistant principals, principals, and regional center directors reviewed it on September 12, 2008.

Copies of the *District Plan for English Language Learner Students, 2008-2009* will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

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RECOMMENDED:

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

1. approve the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' *District Plan for English Language Learner Students, 2008-2009*; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to submit the plan to the Florida Department of Education.

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