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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 2008-2009 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: ACTIVELY ENGAGE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BECOME OUR PARTNERS IN RAISING AND MAINTAINING HIGH STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Florida State Statute 1001.42 and the State of Florida's Differentiated Accountability pilot program require that schools develop and implement School Improvement Plans (SIPs) which include specific strategies to improve student performance and address educational priorities. In 2008-2009, 343 Miami-Dade County Public Schools (including 4 Vocational Centers/Adult Education Centers) and 77 Charter Schools completed School Improvement Plans (SIPs) using the State of Florida's Bureau of School Improvement's online SIP template.

Of the 420 schools, 170 Miami-Dade County Public Schools and 10 Charter Schools are designated as under State sanction within the Differentiated Accountability model. Of those schools, a total of 60 schools fall into the lowest-performing categories, Correct II (56) and Intervene (4), because they failed to make Adequate Yearly Progress and/or failed to meet State mastery benchmarks.

The 2008-2009 School Improvement Plans were developed through a peer review process which included approval by school-site Educational Excellence School Advisory Councils (EESACs), review and approval by Regional Center and District staff, and review and feedback of the schools in the lowest performing categories by the State Region Director. Implementation will be monitored at all levels throughout the school year.

A copy of the School Improvement Plan for each school is available on the web at: <http://www.flbsi.org/>. Additionally, a copy of the CD containing the School Improvement Plans is also located in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the 2008-2009 School Improvement Plans.

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