Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of September 9, 2009

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SUBJECT: **REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO UPDATE AND SUBMIT THE DISTRICT'S MASTER PLAN FOR IN-SERVICE EDUCATION (2009-2014) TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

COMMITTEE: **SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: **DEVELOP AND RETAIN HIGH-PERFORMING AND MOTIVATED FACULTY AND STAFF**

In accordance with State Board Rule 6A-5.071, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), each district school board is required to develop and maintain an In-service Education and Training Program for all employees that is planned, developed, and administered in accordance with the rules of the Florida State Board of Education. The Master In-service Plan links professional development activities with district and state goals, and guides the development of professional development courses for teachers, instructional support personnel, and administrators. The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Master Plan for In-Service Education (2009-2014) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on March 25, 2009 (Agenda Item D-1).

Since that time, the Florida Department of Education has developed additional requirements which necessitate the creation of several new components that support professional learning for teachers, instructional support personnel, and administrators. In order to maintain continuous service to educators and be in compliance with State Board Rule 6A-5.071, (FAC), this item requests authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to amend the District's Master In-service Plan for Education to incorporate six (6) new components.

Specifically, new components have been developed to meet the requirements of the State's Differentiated Accountability system such as: Lesson Study and preparing teachers to become highly qualified, in addition to creating unique components for Creating Independence through Student-owned Strategies (CRISS), English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Reading and attendance at seminars.

There is no additional cost to the District associated with this item.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools to update the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Master Plan for In-Service Education (2009-2014) by adding six (6) new components.

AGB:cm

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