

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF A COLLABORATION WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO DEVELOP A WATER CONSERVATION MANUAL FOR THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF CONSERVING WATER AND ACHIEVING COST EFFICIENCIES FOR THE DISTRICT

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

At a recent meeting of the South Florida Regional Planning Council, on which I serve, I became aware of an initiative being shepherded by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), which focuses on water conservation through encouraging and fostering water use assessments of public facilities and recommendations on consumption/cost reduction measures. To that end, the SFWMD is in the process of developing a facility water use self-assessment and efficiency improvement manual for facility managers and has expressed not only an interest but a willingness to work side by side with our staff and to include in this manual a section customized to the characteristics and needs of school facilities. } Revised

The expertise of the SFWMD in the area of water resources and conservation, coupled with the District's own interest in achieving operational cost efficiencies, makes the proposed collaboration a good match. The SFWMD has indicated that, upon Board approval and designation by the District of a small core group of staff to participate in this effort, it will be ready to proceed. The SFWMD has also indicated that it can assist the District with training a select number of representative facility managers, as determined by the District.

There is no cost to the District for this item. } Added

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve a collaboration with the South Florida Water Management District to develop a water conservation manual for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools with the ultimate goal of conserving water and achieving cost efficiencies for the District.

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