

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT SUPERINTENDENT INITIATE
 RULEMAKING PROCEEDINGS TO CODIFY AND
 FORMALIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ETHICS
 ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
 ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Pursuant to the recommendation and unanimous approval of the Ethics Advisory Committee ("EAC") members at their last meeting of October 14, 2010, this item is submitted to request the School Board's approval to initiate rulemaking proceedings for codifying and incorporating into School Board Rules the establishment of the Ethics Advisory Committee.

The proposed rule will serve to formalize the practices, guidelines and the role of the EAC, whose governance will focus on addressing matters of School Board policy in an advisory capacity. The language and provisions of this rule are based on the Commission on Ethics Policy previously adopted by the School Board on October 24, 2001.

The School Board created the Commission on Ethics Policy to help ensure the integrity of the Board's decision-making processes and to restore public confidence in our public schools. Its purpose is to serve as the guardian of the public trust by, among other things, informing the public and educating candidates for the election to the School Board, members of the School Board and employees of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) as to the required standards of ethical conduct and interpreting and informing stakeholders on those standards of conduct.

The proposed Rule contains provisions for, among other things, the purpose, role and function of the EAC, the qualifications, selection and terms of EAC members, scheduling and conduct of its meetings, its powers and duties. The proposed rule also provides for the EAC to, at its discretion, review complaints presented before the EAC, render advisory opinions on ethical issues and personnel matters (after the District has concluded any applicable and related administrative proceedings). The proposed Rule also requires that the Board take action on recommendations issued by the EAC.

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

That, consistent with its adoption of the Commission on Ethics Policy, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act to codify and formalize the establishment of the Ethics Advisory Committee.