

Office of School Board Members  
Board Meeting of November 24, 2010

November 17, 2010

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

On November 2, 2010, the voters of Miami-Dade County elected three new Members to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, effectively reconstituting one-third of the Board. In the coming year the newly elected Members, together with the veteran Members of the School Board will be faced with many difficult decisions, particularly given the uncertain economic forecast facing all school systems across the state.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is responsible for the education of the children of this community, a responsibility which does not allow for a long learning curve. As such, it would seem appropriate for us, as a body, to come together to review where we have been and where we must go in the future, and to discuss the best methodology to reach our goals. To facilitate these in-depth discussions a School Board Retreat focused on the four pillars of the District's Strategic Framework, our budgetary outlook, and other issues related to the foundation of this organization should be organized by the Superintendent in the immediate future.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to schedule a School Board Retreat within three months in order to allow School Board Members to review and discuss the District's Strategic Framework, budgetary outlook, and other foundational issues related to the future of the District, including best practices for governance.

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