Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of December 15, 2010

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

SUBJECT:

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS - AGENDA DEADLINES

COMMITTEE:

INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY, AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC

FRAMEWORK:

SCHOOL / DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

As per Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.15, "holder agenda items may need to be developed in preparation of the agenda when there is insufficient information to provide a full description of the action being proposed." The Board Rule further states that "holder agenda items shall describe in as much detail as possible, the purpose, and the intent of the item." Unfortunately, holder items are often not received by Board Members in a timely manner. This places Board Members in a difficult position, particularly when they are given complete versions of agenda items at or after Board committee meetings, not providing enough time for adequate review.

As such, it is the intention of this item to establish a "3-Day Rule" for the submission of all, full and complete agenda items (scheduled for consideration at committee meetings) to the Board three days prior to said meetings. Specifically, the rule would require that a copy of each agenda item be furnished to Members of the Board not later than three (3) working days before the time of the Board committee meeting in which the item is scheduled to be heard.

The intent of this agenda item is to ensure that Board Members are provided with adequate and ample time to review all agenda items prior to Board committee meetings. This would help streamline the committee meeting process, as there would no longer be incomplete items at the time of said meetings. Furthermore, it would also help increase transparency by preventing the submission of holder replacement items after Board discussion of items at committee.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings to amend School Board Rules 6Gx13-8C-1.15, Agenda – Regular and Special Meetings, and 6Gx13-8C-1.23, School Board Committee Structure, to reflect the changes proposed in this agenda item.