

Office of the School Board Members  
Board Meeting of August 3, 2011

August 2, 2011

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: DIRECTING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO INFORM THE BOARD AS TO CURRENT RECIPROCAL ACCESS IN THE DISTRICT AND PRESENT PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL SITES**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

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

As we have mentioned in several board items, almost a third of American children and adolescents are overweight. And while we, along with the county and other municipalities, are concerned with obesity and recognize the need for programs and public access to facilities, the economic reality is that many parks will be shorting their hours and many programs that promote health and wellness have suffered and will continue to suffer reductions in funding.

Meanwhile, we too are asking our principals to do less with more and reaching out to the public sector so as to maintain our sports and afterschool activities. In the hopes of aiding our schools and insuring that our facilities are used to their greatest advantage, this board item requests information from the superintendent on current public access practices and existing reciprocal access agreements. Specifically, this item requests facility use information per individual school so that board members with the help of staff may reach out to the municipalities that we have general agreements with, also known as Education Compacts, and discuss the specific use and needs of certain schools and parks.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. RAQUEL A. REGALADO:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, directs the Superintendent to inform the Board as to current reciprocal access in the District and present public access to school sites.

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