

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of November 21, 2012

November 14, 2012

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY, AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Third President of the United States of America and principal author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson once said that, "An informed citizenry is the only true repository of the public will." The decisions made regarding Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) mirror this idea through our many advisory boards that provide vital recommendations to the School Board, our multitude of volunteers that lend their time to our schools, and our entire electorate that has just granted M-DCPS the opportunity to improve our facilities.

Currently our School Board meetings are broadcast live on radio and television as a means of keeping the public informed, but often times, actual schools get overshadowed. It is my belief that holding more School Board related functions are a great way to better acquaint district staff and the staff of our many schools. Additionally, it would also provide the community an additional opportunity to be involved in a vital governmental process that highlights their school and their surrounding community.

In an effort to forward this initiative of community involvement that M-DCPS has continually benefitted from, I request that staff review the feasibility of holding a monthly School Board committee meeting at a school site.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to review the feasibility of holding a School Board Committee Meeting at one of our many schools.

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