Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of April 9, 2014

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT:

ETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE:

INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On October 21, 2001, Miami-Dade County Public Schools approved board agenda item A-1, creating an Ethics Advisory Committee ("EAC"). Since its inception the EAC has worked under recommendations of a blue ribbon commission established in 2000. The EAC's existence and proceedings were formalized under School Board Policy 0158.

Due to the lack of appropriate staff coordination the EAC has been unable to meet since May of 2013. This item is presented for the Board's consideration and requests that the School Board create a task force to:

- 1. Ascertain whether the current structure of the EAC, in light of its mission and purpose as delineated in our Board Policy, is still viable and/or needs revamping or improvement;
- 2. Provide recommendations on how we can remedy the problems with the staff coordination; and
- 3. Provide recommendations on how best to address the recurring lack of quorum for EAC meetings.

This task force shall be comprised of an appointee of each Board Member and the Superintendent.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. MARTA PÉREZ:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, establish a ten (10) member task force to review the issues set forth in this item with respect to the continuation of the Ethics Advisory Committee's proceedings and report to the School Board regarding the task force's findings.