Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of June 18, 2014

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT:

**HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW** 

COMMITTEE:

**INSTRUCTIONAL** 

**EXCELLENCE** 

&

COMMUNITY

**ENGAGEMENT** 

LINK TO STRATEGIC

FRAMEWORK:

**EDUCATION** 

In Miami-Dade County Public Schools, some fifth grade students receive instruction on the topic Human Growth and Development, where it is embedded in fifth grade science classes.

Students may benefit by receiving instruction in same-gender formats where boys and girls are in separate classrooms. In addition, the assignment of instructors based on gender should be considered.

A review of the curriculum including, but not limited to, vocabulary terms may be helpful in determining whether modifications would result in improvements.

## ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. MARTIN KARP:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

- 1. review the delivery of the Human Growth and Development curriculum;
- 2. consider gender separation in Human Growth and Development classes; and,
- 3. provide a response on or before the August 6, 2014 Miami-Dade County School Board meeting.