

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: TEACHING ACADEMY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FLORIDA
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

The intent of this item is to explore the feasibility of establishing a teaching academy at Reagan/Doral Sr. High School, in partnership with Florida International University's College of Education, by the 2015-2016 school year. The intent of the academy would be to help prepare students for careers in education, specifically in teaching, with a potential focus on elementary education. This initiative would also help strengthen the district's ACCESS Partnership with FIU, with the goal of establishing a formal articulation for students in the teaching academy.

The proposed curriculum for the aforementioned academy would provide for a selection of dual enrollment courses through FIU's College of Education, as well as a volunteer service/internship component to engage students with local K-8 centers in Doral. The academy would seek to create a seamless transition for students in our public schools from kindergarten through college, back to service in local schools as educators.

The long-term goal of this program would be to educate, prepare, and inspire students to become future educators in our school district. In this effort, the proposed academy would serve to establish an early connection for students to a career in teaching while at the same time providing a pipeline for the district of homegrown future educators.

In an effort to encourage the teaching profession and establish a successful model which could be replicated at other schools, this item calls for a feasibility study on the creation of a teaching academy at Ronald Reagan/Doral Sr. High School beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

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

1. Investigate the feasibility of implementing a Teaching Academy at Ronald Reagan/Doral Sr. High School, in partnership with Florida International University's College of Education, for the 2015-2016 school year;
2. Provide a response on the feasibility of creating/implementing a Teaching Academy at Ronald Reagan/Doral Sr. High on or before the January 14, 2015 Miami-Dade County School Board meeting.

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