

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of March 15, 2000

March 6, 2000

Mrs. Manty Sabatés Morse, Member

SUBJECT: INCLUSION OF A MECHANISM TO PROVIDE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS WITH STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT RACIAL AND ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools serves a diverse community of students. However, student enrollment in many of the District's educational programs is not reflective of the diverse student population in the District.

This past April, federal court Judge William P. Dimitrouleas ordered the District to report on the unitary status of the school system. Currently, the District is gathering and analyzing data in preparation of the September report to the Court. It is requested that consideration be given to the inclusion of a mechanism to provide students the opportunity to attend schools and participate in educational programs with students from different racial and ethnic backgrounds.

A full agenda item will be distributed to the Board prior to the Board meeting of March 15, 2000.