

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of May 17, 2000

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Management and Accountability
Carol Cortes, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF OPERATION SAFETY NET: A FIVE-YEAR PROJECT
1996-97 - 2000-01: THREE YEAR REPORT 1996-97 - 1998-99**

Operation Safety Net is an ambitious project intended to raise the reading performance at 44 Title I schools whose consistently low level of performance over a two-year period had led them to being identified by the state as "Critically Low" schools. These schools, which currently serve approximately 18,000 students, are among the poorest schools in Miami-Dade County, with an average of 93% of their students being eligible to receive free or reduced price lunch.

Operation Safety Net redirected Title I funds into two instructional interventions; the Success for All reading curriculum and computer-assisted instruction, provided by either Jostens Learning Corporation or Computer Curriculum Corporation. In addition to the two instructional interventions, efforts were made to provide medical screening to the students in these schools through existing community resources.

This evaluation examined the first three years of implementation of Operation Safety Net (1996-97 to 1998-99), which is projected to last two additional years (until 2000-2001). A summary of this evaluation, including recommendations, are contained in the Executive Summary beginning on page vii of the report.

Copies of this report will be distributed to Board Members, the Superintendent of Schools, and appropriate district staff and will be placed on file in the Office of the Recording Secretary to the School Board and in the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive and file the report: Evaluation of Operation Safety Net: A Five-Year Project 1996-97 - 2000-01: Three Year Report 1996-97 - 1998-99.

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