

Education
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS, INCLUDING APPLICABLE WAIVER DOCUMENTS AND BUDGETS FOR TITLE I-FUNDED SCHOOLS AND APPROVAL OF THE ASSISTANCE AND INTERVENTION PLANS THAT MODIFY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR SCHOOLS FAILING TO MEET MINIMUM STATE CRITERIA, AS REQUIRED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Educational Excellence School Advisory Councils have assisted in the development of the School Improvement Plans (SIPs) for the 2000 - 2001 school year based upon a comprehensive needs assessment. These plans have been submitted by all schools for presentation to the School Board, as required by law. Applicable waiver documents and budgets for Title I-funded schools have been included as well as a correlation of SIP objectives, state goals, and District Strategic Planning Goals. Comprehensive training and review facilitated the process of preparing the SIPs.

Assistance and Intervention Plans with two-year implementation periods have been developed in accordance with legislative mandates and are included for all schools identified by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) as "D" or "F" schools. Assistance and Intervention Plans modify the SIP by replacing appropriate objectives of the plan and by adding strategies for district and region support. (In the case of schools that have been designated as "D" for the second consecutive year, the Assistance and Intervention Plans developed in the previous year have been modified to be consistent with the format newly recommended by the State.)

To facilitate the review and approval of each 2000-2001 SIP and Assistance and Intervention Plan, Executive Summaries and copies of the School Improvement Plan for each school and Assistance and Intervention Plans, where applicable, have been transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve the individual School Improvement Plans of all schools;
2. approve waiver documents and budgets for Title I-funded schools;
3. approve Assistance and Intervention Plans that modify the School Improvement Plan for schools failing to meet minimum state criteria as required by the Florida Department of Education; and
4. authorize schools to implement the School Improvement Plans beginning in August 2000 and maintain the plans in force until new, modified, or continuing plans have been accepted by the School Board.

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