

Management and Accountability
Ms. Carol Cortes, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REPORT: SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS, 1999-2000, SCHOOLS NOT MAKING ADEQUATE PROGRESS

The State of Florida's system for high-quality schools requires that each public school identify its needs, define corresponding objectives to address them, and review the progress toward the objectives annually. This report is a summary of the reviews conducted within the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) for the 1999-2000 school year.

Under the provisions of the system for high-quality schools, a School Improvement Plan (SIP) for each public school in the state must be developed and implemented annually. Additionally, at the conclusion of each year, each local school board is required to report if adequate progress has been made toward state and local goals. In addition, for each school that fails to make adequate progress on the district standard or that is designated an "F" school by the state, the district must develop and implement a two-year assistance and intervention plan.

The 1999-2000 review of adequate progress by the MDCPS occurred during a series of conferences scheduled by the appropriate region or district office. Both of the following state and district standards were used in the review:

- A school performance grade of "D" or better, as defined by the Florida Department of Education Rule 6A-1.09981 concerning student performance on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).
- Achievement of measurable gain in a majority of the objectives in the 1999-2000 SIP.

The results of the reviews revealed that, based on the district standard, one elementary school and two senior high schools did not make adequate progress during the 1999-2000 school year. The report, School Improvement Plans, 1999-2000, Schools Not Making Adequate Progress includes the Adequate Progress Reporting Forms for these schools. Additionally, two elementary schools received a grade of "F" and therefore failed to make adequate progress based on the state standard. The Assistance and Intervention Action Plans for all five schools have been incorporated into their 2000-2001 School Improvement Plans, which are submitted to the School Board at the August 23, 2000 meeting.

In summary, a total of five schools in the MDCPS did not make adequate progress during the 1999-2000 school year. This compares to 26 schools in 1998-1999, 25 due to the state standard, and one due to both the state and the district standard.

Copies of the report will be placed on file in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive and file the Report: School Improvement Plans, 1999-2000, Schools Not Making Adequate Progress

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