

Roger C. Cuevas, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: 2001 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS**

The 2001 State and Federal Legislative Programs were compiled from responses and recommendations forwarded to the Office of Legislative and Labor Relations by School Board Members, the Superintendent and staff, interested citizen groups and community agencies, and employee organizations.

The workpapers form the nucleus of the School Board's 2001 Legislative Programs. The December 13, 2000 final adoption date will enable staff to move ahead in securing legislative sponsors, if necessary, for the proposed bills so they may be filed and presented at legislative committee meetings.

It is anticipated that the Board may be asked to consider additional recommendations which may be amended into the program prior to the opening of and during the 2001 Legislative Session which ends May 4, 2001.

The recommended legislation falls into the following major sections:

**PRIORITIES:**

- Funding of Educational Programs
- Capital Outlay
- Safe Schools
- School Readiness
- Workforce Development
- Teacher Quality

**OTHER ISSUES OF CONCERN:**

- Additional Educational Issues
- Additional Funding
- Facilities Management
- Additional Safety Concerns
- Business Management

As a result of staff instructions received during the Board's December 4, 2000 Legislative Committee meeting, additional recommendations will be forwarded to the Board prior to the December 13, 2000 meeting.

Copies of the 2001 State and Federal Legislative Programs will be transmitted to the Board Members under separate cover and will be placed on file in the Citizen Information Center and the Office of the Board Recording Secretary.

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

1. establish as its number one priority for the 2001 State Legislative Session the recommended core financial provisions of the FEFP;
2. select no more than five additional proposals as priority items;
3. establish priorities for the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress; and
4. authorize the Superintendent to formulate its final 2001 State and Federal Legislative Programs.

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