

Mrs. Manty Sabatés Morse, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF MODIFYING SCHOOL BOARD RULE 6Gx13- 6A-1.46, MAGNET PROGRAMS/SCHOOLS

Since 1973, magnet programs/schools have provided a unique opportunity for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) to foster educational excellence while offering innovative academic programs to a diverse student population. Magnet programs/schools are a means by which M-DCPS can remain competitive within a community that offers a plethora of educational choices.

To ensure that magnet programs/schools remain competitive, the established application and recruitment process timeframe delineated within the policies of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.46, Magnet Programs/Schools, should be modified relative to timelines set forth by other educational choice options available to parents. The established timeframe should be modified based on the following recommendations:

- shorten the magnet recruitment period with an earlier application due date;
- establish a time certain date by which magnet programs/schools advise applicants of application outcome; and
- establish a time certain date by which parents/guardians accept or decline admission into the applied for magnet program(s)/school(s).

The modified timeframe should become effective during the 2001-02 school year for magnet applications submitted for the 2002-03 school year, and thereafter.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MRS. MANTY SABATÉS MORSE:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to explore the possibility of modifying School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.46, Magnet Programs/Schools, to:

1. shorten the magnet recruitment period with an earlier application due date;
2. establish a time certain date by which magnet programs/schools advise applicants of application outcome; and
3. establish a time certain date by which parents/guardians accept or decline admission into the applied for magnet program(s)/school(s).