

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO RENAME MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MULTICULTURAL
PROGRAMS**

Approved by the Board in the spring of 1985, the Advisory Committee on Multicultural Programs (ACMP) is comprised of representatives from public and private community organizations who represent Miami-Dade County's diverse population and have expressed a mutual interest in improving racial/ethnic understanding and acceptance. The role of the committee is to review programs/issues related to intergroup relations and advise the Superintendent on alternate ways of strengthening efforts. ACMP reflected the name of the department at that time.

It is requested that the Advisory Committee on Multicultural Programs be renamed the Advisory Committee on Cultural Diversity/Intergroup Relations. The reason for changing the name of the department is to reflect more accurately its function. It is believed that the requested name will clarify the roles of the Cultural Diversity/Intergroup Relations staff as skilled professionals in a process-driven field, who are experts on communications; conflict resolution and management; intra- and intergroup relations, mediation; and diversity issues, rather than providers of "Multicultural education" as a curriculum-driven subject.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to rename the Advisory Committee on Multicultural Programs, henceforth to be known as Miami-Dade County Public Schools Advisory Committee on Cultural Diversity/Intergroup Relations.

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