

May 14, 2001

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: ESTABLISH A TASKFORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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On April 30, 2001 the state legislature announced plans to: create a three-member board to oversee land acquisition; place a state auditor at the District headquarters to oversee spending; and, make Miami-Dade County Public Schools the first participant in a state-wide review of school district accounting practices.

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The increasing size of the Miami-Dade County Public School System, and the unique educational challenges it faces makes it difficult, if not impossible, for the Superintendent to adequately enforce accountability over ethical and procedural matters. An Office of Inspector General (OIG) would provide this service and allow the Superintendent to dedicate himself solely to the business of educating students.

Approval of this item establishes a Taskforce, composed of an appointee of: the Chair; each Board Member; the Chair of the Audit Committee, the Superintendent; each bargaining unit; and the PTA/PTSA. The Taskforce shall be charged with studying:

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- The feasibility and need for an Office of the Inspector General;
- The legal issues of creating such an office;
- The purpose of the office;
- The powers of the office; and,
- The funding of the office.

Establishing this office in Miami-Dade County Public Schools creates an environment of accountability that increases efficiency, reduces waste, and reassures the state legislature, and citizens of Miami-Dade County, that this School Board responsibly manages their tax dollars.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PEREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, establish a taskforce, made up of the above mentioned individuals, to study the feasibility of creating an Office of Inspector General for Miami-Dade County Public Schools according to the above stated intent.

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