

Dr. Michael M. Krop, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN
WORLDLINK 2001: GAINING THE GLOBAL EDGE, A 24-HOUR CYBERSPACE
SUMMIT ON OCTOBER 23-24, 2001, MARKING UNITED NATIONS DAY**

In a unique 21st century observation of United Nations Day, on October 23 and 24, 2001, Miami-Dade County Public School students will lead a cyberspace summit called WORLDLINK 2001: Gaining the Global Edge. The summit offers an opportunity for our students to interact with students from more than 150 nations over the 24 hour period, to discuss global issues, seek solutions, and promote international goodwill.

WORLDLINK 2001 is a collaborative partnership with Nova Southeastern University, the Aventura Marketing Council, and M-DCPS. Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School will serve as home base for the student summit, providing video conference capabilities and student cybernauts who will lead discussions with world leaders and students around the globe. Other video conference sites will be at Coral Gables Senior High School, Ammons Middle School, Nova Southeastern University Fischler Campus, and at M-DCPS Division of Instructional Technology and Media Support Services. In addition to discussions on global business and technology, video conference topics will include a Model United Nations Global Leadership Roundtable, a World Concert for Peace, a Student Summit of the Americas, and sessions on Children and Armed Conflict and on the worldwide battle against HIV/AIDS. Cybernauts will interact live with officials at United Nations in Nairobi, Kenya as well as Geneva, Switzerland and New York. Other video sites include Sweden, Russia, Poland, Spain, Greece, Germany, United Kingdom, Norway, Israel, Morocco, South Africa, Gambia, Canada, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Japan, China, Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

All students and teachers in the district will be able to participate in scheduled cyber-chats with students at the sites around the world. The WORLDLINK web site will provide suggestions for lesson plans, activities, resources and useful hyperlinks to sustain the discussions and projects initiated by international contacts. Students choosing to work on long-range global projects will have the opportunity to receive credits for community service hours.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
Dr. MICHAEL M. KROP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize participation in WORLDLINK 2001: Gaining the Global Edge, a 24-hour cyberspace summit on October 23-24, 2001, marking United Nations Day.

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