Office of Superintendent of Schools                         January 30, 2002
Board Meeting of February 13, 2002

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:    REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE THE STATUS REPORT
AND THREE-YEAR PLAN OF THE 2001-2002 AD HOC MULTILINGUAL
TASK FORCE**

At its meeting of August 22, 2001, the School Board approved a Board Agenda Item (K-13)
proposed by Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair, directing the Superintendent to reconvene
the Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force following the configuration of representatives previously
established.  One of the objectives under Goal I of the District Strategic Plan, School-to-
Career, is to increase the number of students and adults who are bilingual and biliterate.
To determine the District's progress towards meeting this goal, the Task Force was
reconvened in order to assess the status of implementation of its Phase II -
Recommendations 1999-2000. The Task Force was also reconvened in order to develop
a new three-year action plan that would focus on:  (1) sustained study of a language other
than English with opportunity for program continuity from kindergarten through grade 12,
and (2) increased community awareness on the need for another language in addition to
English for the workforce of the south Florida area.

The first meeting of the reconvened Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force was held on October
25, 2001.  Mr. Dabney Park Jr., Chair of the Education Committee of the Greater Miami
Chamber of Commerce was elected committee chair.

The Task Force developed a Status Report on Implementation of its Phase II-
Recommendations 1999-2000 and a three-year action plan, which will be provided to School
Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in
the Office of Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

**RECOMMENDED:**        That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive
the Status Report and Three-Year Plan of the 2001-2002 Ad Hoc
Multilingual Task Force.

No additional District funds are being requested.

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