

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, 1) DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS LOBBYING PRACTICES, OR 2) DIRECT THE SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY TO RECOMMEND LANGUAGE TO AMEND SCHOOL BOARD RULE 6Gx13-8C-1.21 – LOBBYISTS – TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL LOBBYING REGULATIONS

School Board Rule 6Gx13-8C-1.21 – Lobbyist – defines lobbying and establishes a registration requirement as a prerequisite to lobbying. As currently stated, there is no requirement for lobbyists to report expenditures in connection with lobbying and there is no explicit ban on charging contingency fees. Many state and local governments and school districts have more comprehensive policies regulating lobbyist activities.

Additional recommendations will be forwarded to the Board for your consideration before the May 15, 2002 Board meeting and will be available at the Citizen's Information Center for review by interested citizen's.

The Board may wish to schedule a workshop to discuss current lobbying practices, or choose to direct the School Board Attorney's office to recommend language to amend the current School Board Rule to establish additional lobbying regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- 1) direct the Superintendent of Schools to schedule a workshop to discuss lobbying practices; or,
- 2) direct the School Board Attorney to recommend language to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13-8C-1.21 – Lobbyist – to establish additional lobbying regulations.

**REPLACEMENT
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