

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of May 15, 2002

May 6, 2002

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

**SUBJECT: COMMEMORATION OF THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INDEPENDENCE OF CUBA.**

The formation of the Republic of Cuba on May 20, 1902 formally recognized the independence of that island nation and proved to be an incredible victory for the country. It took centuries for the Cuban people to realize this great dream of independence since becoming a colony of Spain when Christopher Columbus discovered the island in 1492.

The anniversary of this date is a highly revered occasion among the Cuban-American community here in Miami-Dade County and elsewhere in the United States. Miami-Dade County Public Schools has had the honor and privilege of playing a role in the success of the Cuban-American community here in South Florida.

Details of this item will be forthcoming.