

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of June 19, 2002

June 18, 2002

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: SUMMER SCHOOL MODIFICATIONS, 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR**

During the Budget Advisory Committee meeting of June 11, 2002, the Superintendent of Schools established an ad hoc committee to develop 2002 summer school policy alternatives that may be included in the budget balancing plan for 2002-2003. The ad hoc committee met immediately following the Budget Advisory Committee on June 11, 2002. Attached is a June 14, 2002 memorandum from Ms. Mary Lee Snipes, Executive Director, School Budgets, Office of Budget Management, that outlines the recommendations of the ad hoc committee. In addition, Ms. Snipes' memorandum provides the names and positions of the ad hoc committee members.

The recommended school policy alternatives represent budget cutting measures that could be implemented during the 2002 summer session as part of the 2002-2003 budget balancing plan. Labor Relations staff will be present at the Board meeting to identify those alternatives that have collective bargaining implications.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to implement one or more of the proposed 2002 summer school policy alternatives.

REPLACEMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Mary Lee Snipes, Executive Director, School Budgets  
Office of Budget Management

SUBJECT: 2002 SUMMER SCHOOL POLICY ALTERNATIVES



During the June 11, 2002, Budget Advisory Committee Meeting the superintendent established an ad hoc committee to develop **2002 Summer School Policy Alternatives** that may be included in the budget balancing plan for 2002-03. The ad hoc group met immediately following the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2002. For consideration, the following is a list of alternatives from the ad hoc committee:

1. Transfer all summer expenditures for **full-time** exceptional student education paraprofessionals to the IDEA grant. All exceptional student education paraprofessionals will be hired as hourly employees under the IDEA grant. \$1,940,737
  
- 2a. Maintain class size at the same level as 2001: \$2,582,134
  - Elementary K-3 from 1:29 to 1:34 \$373,084
  - Elementary 4-6 from 1:29 to 1:37 \$1,403,974
  - Middle from 1:29 to 1:37 \$805,076
  
- 2b. Revise class size as follows: \$1,875,238
  - Elementary K-3 from 1:29 to 1:34 \$373,084
  - Elementary 4-6 from 1:29 to 1:34 \$952,346
  - Middle from 1:29 to 1:34 \$549,808
  
3. Eliminate planning day for all staff at all schools. \$2,293,884
  
4. Eliminate all clerical support authorized through summer allocations except elementary school assistants and school secretary positions at other special centers. All other clerical support will be limited to 12 month staff only. To minimize the impact of loss of clerical assistance, twelve month community school specialists under program 6500 that are assigned to elementary schools which are closed for the summer (no fee supported activities) will be assigned to open summer centers (irrespective of region) to assist with clerical activities. In addition, other twelve month clerical staff at closed sites may be directed to open sites. \$547,507

	Positions
School Clerk I	69
School Clerk II	72
ESE School Clerk II	50

5.	Eliminate reading specialist position at every elementary school.	\$586,170
6.	Reduce special area allocation, limiting one (1) position for each elementary school. Currently there are 238 positions. This will result in a reduction of 128 positions, thereby, reducing course offerings in elementary Art, Music, Physical Education, Spanish S/SL and Technology.	\$619,708
7.	Reduce instructional days by one day (from 17 to 16 days) for all elementary and middle schools. The summer school instructional program for elementary and middle schools will end Monday, July 29 <sup>th</sup> rather than Tuesday, July 30 <sup>th</sup> .	\$1,541,785
Less:		
	One day reduction (all staff)	\$1,541,785
	Clerical support for one day	\$25,575
	Reading specialists for one day	\$32,565
	Special area for one day	\$64,018

Please note, these alternatives may have collective bargaining implications. Please advise if additional information is needed.

The following individuals participated:

Mr. Edward Brown	Senior Budget Analyst, Office of Budget Management
Mr. Eugene Butler	Principal, Charles R. Drew Middle
Ms. Carol Cortes	Region Superintendent, Region VI
Mr. Nelson E. Diaz	Region Superintendent, Region V
Ms. Gloria Evans	Principal, Booker T. Washington Senior
Mr. Ronald K. Felton	Asst. Supt., Exceptional Student Education & Student Services
Ms. Libia Gonzalez	Principal, George W. Carver Middle
Ms. Dawn Hurns	Principal, Bob Graham Education Center
Dr. Ruby Johnson	Administrative Director, School Operations
Mr. Robert Kalinsky	Principal, Wesley Matthews Elementary
Mr. Rene Mantilla	Exec. Dir., Office of Educational Planning & Quality Enhancement
Ms. Ana Ramos	Budget Specialist, Office of Budget Management
Ms. Mary Lee Snipes*	Executive Director, School Budgets, Office of Budget Management
Mr. F. Craig Sturgeon	Region Superintendent, Region II
Ms. Mercedes Toural	Associate Superintendent, Education
Ms. Blanca Valle	Principal, Miami Heights Elementary

\*Denotes Chairperson

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Cc: Mr. Stanley R. Corces  
 Ms. Judith A. Webb  
 Ad Hoc Members