

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
CONSOLIDATE SELECTED ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION
CENTERS AND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, EFFECTIVE JULY 11, 2002**

Recent budget constraints imposed by the State and the District have necessitated austerity measures to be imposed on adult/vocational education programs in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The consolidation of selected community education centers and community schools will allow the school district to curtail operating costs and maximize available resources for the 2002-2003 school year.

Adult and Community Education Centers recommended for consolidation

- All programs at Miami Northwestern Adult and Community Education Center to be consolidated into D.A. Dorsey Educational Center. Miami Northwestern Adult and Community Education center is to remain open as a satellite center of D.A. Dorsey Educational Center.
- All programs at Miami Southridge Adult and Community Education Center to be consolidated into Robert Morgan Educational Center. Miami Southridge Adult and Community Education Center is to remain open as a satellite center of Robert Morgan Educational Center.
- All programs at Miami Skill Center to be consolidated into Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center. Miami Skill Center is to remain open as a satellite center of Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center.

Community Schools recommended for consolidation

- North Miami Middle Community School to be consolidated into North Miami Adult and Community Education Center.
- Miami Edison Senior Community School to be consolidated into Miami Jackson Adult and Community Education Center.
- Riviera Middle Community School to be consolidated into Southwest Miami Adult and Community Education Center.

- Ponce de Leon Middle Community School to be consolidated into Coral Gables Adult and Community Education Center.
- Kinloch Park Middle Community School to be consolidated into Coral Gables Adult and Community Education Center.
- G. W. Carver Middle Community School to be consolidated into Coral Gables Adult and Community Education Center.
- Hialeah Middle Community School to be consolidated into Hialeah Adult and Community Education Center.
- Treasure Island Elementary Community School to be consolidated into Miami Beach Adult and Community Education Center.
- Sylvania Heights Elementary Community School to be consolidated into Miami Coral Park Adult and Community Education Center.

The closure/consolidation of these adult/vocational education centers reflects an approximate savings to the Workforce Development Fund of \$888,147. The consolidation of these community schools will result in a cost savings of approximately \$718,054 to the General Fund. The total estimated cost savings will be \$1.6 million. This recommendation is a direct result of the critical financial shortage in the school district's adult/vocational education budget.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to consolidate selected adult and community education centers and community schools, effective July 11, 2002, and in the future, consolidate other selected centers as it becomes a necessary action in regards to cost saving measures.

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