

July 8, 2002

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT TASK FORCE TO REVIEW BOARD RULE 6Gx13-1B-1.011, PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT - A HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP AND PROPOSE WAYS TO STRENGTHEN IT

In August, 1992, the Board took a visionary action by adopting a parent/family involvement policy. Board Rule 6Gx13- 1B-1.011, PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT – A HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP, begins by stating, “Parental involvement is an essential element in effective education. Studies show that two factors are necessary to improve learning: a sound instructional program, and consistent involvement of parents and other influential adults.”

Given the critical importance of strengthening the home-school partnership in order to improve educational outcomes, it is hereby recommended that an ad hoc Parental Involvement Task Force be established to evaluate this Rule and its current implementation, and to report back to the School Board with a plan of action. In its report, the Task Force should include recommendations to strengthen the current policy, making it compatible with research-based best practices, and it should identify appropriate changes necessary to increase accountability for the implementation of this policy.

The Task Force should be composed of parents, volunteers, teachers, students, and administrators, and it should include representatives from the offices and programs which address parent participation. The Task Force’s report should be submitted to the School Board at its September 11, 2002 meeting.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTA PÉREZ:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to establish an ad hoc Parental Involvement Task Force to review Board Rule 6Gx13- 1B-1.011, Parental Involvement – A Home-School Partnership and propose ways to strengthen it.

REPLACEMENT

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