

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: AGREEMENT FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXCHANGE OF
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

COMMITTEE: ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

At its May 15, 2002 meeting, the School Board approved agenda item Replacement A-2, authorizing the Superintendent to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the Florida Department of Education (DOE), Office of Inspector General, providing that it establish an office within Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

The terms and conditions to be negotiated included the selection process of the M-DCPS Inspector General, scope of authority of the M-DCPS Inspector General; methods of coordination with existing District offices and local law enforcement agencies; procedures for referrals and case management; initiation and implementation of a telephone hotline to receive complaints; whistleblower protection; funding sources and processes; and the term of the contract for the M-DCPS Inspector General.

The final agreement is the product of extensive conversations and meetings between Melinda Miguel, DOE Inspector General, our respective staff and myself. The agreement, titled "Agreement for Intergovernmental Exchange of Public Employees" will be forwarded to the Board under separate cover prior to the Board meeting of August 21, 2002, and will be placed on file in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

The appropriation for this item is included in the 2002-2003 Tentative Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 7500, Program 7690, Object 5510, Location 9905.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve and enter into an Agreement for Intergovernmental Exchange of Public Employees with the Florida Department of Education, Office of Inspector General.

The appropriation for this item is included in the 2002-2003 Tentative Adopted Budget.

**REPLACEMENT
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