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SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF ETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP BY TWO MORE MEMBERS

The Ethics Advisory Committee was created by School Board action at the School Board meeting of October 24, 2001. The Committee is currently composed of seven citizen volunteers appointed by the courts, local universities, the Dade County Council PTA/PTSA and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

The Committee has recommended to the Superintendent that its membership be expanded to include two retired employees of the school system, one each from the management and bargaining unit levels. Both persons must have been retired from the school system for at least two years. Neither former employee must be currently involved in any kind of union activity nor hold a consulting contract or be a vendor to the school system. The two appointments are to be made by the Superintendent of Schools and shall be confirmed by the School Board.

The Ethics Advisory Committee is governed by the Commission on Ethics Proposal that was passed by the School Board on the same date that the Committee was established, and subsequently adopted as the charter of the Committee. In keeping with the intent of the charter to staggered the terms of the original members, one member will serve a two-year term and the other a four-year term. Afterwards, the term will be for four years each. This item amends the charter to take into consideration the two-member Committee expansion.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the expansion of the Ethics Advisory Committee membership to include two retired employees of the school system, one each representing the management and bargaining unit levels, and having no current union activity nor be a consultant or vendor to the school district, to be appointed by the Superintendent of Schools and to be confirmed by the School Board.