

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

**SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO PROVIDE A POSITION PAPER ON POSSIBLE DISTRICT REFORM INITIATIVES AND DIRECT THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE AN OPINION ON ANY LEGAL IMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTING THOSE INITIATIVES**

**COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES**

A number of proposals concerning school district reform initiatives have been discussed recently without the benefit of an explanation of the initiatives and the legal and operational issues associated with implementing those reform efforts. As a result, it is difficult to analyze the value or benefits of those items.

This item seeks to have the Superintendent and the Board Attorney provide the Board and the public with a more thorough explanation of these issues both operationally and legally. The reform initiatives recently discussed that would be suitable for inclusion in the position paper include the following:

- Dividing the district into smaller districts
- Term limits for School Board members
- Changing the composition of the Board to include School Board membership through countywide election and single member district election (e.g. 5 single member district representatives, 3 at large representatives and a countywide elected Chair
- A countywide elected chair with certain strong chair powers

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to provide a position paper on the above District reform initiatives and direct the Board Attorney to provide an opinion on any legal implications associated with implementing those initiatives.