

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON SELECTION OF MIA CONSULTANTS AND THE REAL IMPACT OF CONSTRUCTION AND PROCUREMENT REFORM

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

On August 21, 2002, the School Board acted upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to contract with MIA Consultants for Construction Claims Consulting Services.

Recent media inquiries have brought to light reported deficiencies in the company's qualifications, selection criteria used, and administrative oversight of their work. Since that time, Miami-Dade Schools has terminated its relationship with MIA Consultants and opted not to extend their contract for a second year.

It will be beneficial to the School Board and the public to receive a detailed written report on this matter from the Superintendent at its October 22, 2003 meeting. This report should include rationale for the Superintendent's recommendation of MIA Consultants, selection criteria used, nature of the administrative oversight for this Construction Claims Consulting Services contract and reasons it took almost a year to take formal action. It would also be beneficial to understand the real impact of all construction and procurement reforms to date, despite which such a scenario transpired.

By submitting this item at this time, I am affording the Superintendent sufficient time to prepare such a detailed, written report and distribute it to the School Board well in advance of the meeting.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
FRANK J. BOLAÑOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to present a detailed written report at its October 22, 2003 meeting on the selection of MIA Consultants for Construction Claims Consulting Services, including:

1. Rationale for the Superintendent's recommendation
2. Selection criteria used for that recommendation
3. Nature of the administrative oversight of the contract
4. Reasons it took almost a year for formal action
5. Detailed list of all construction and procurement reforms to date