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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 2003-2004 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACCOMPANYING DISTRICT ASSISTANCE AND INTERVENTION PLANS FOR SCHOOLS DESIGNATED IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT UNDER NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Under the federal No Child Left Behind law, Title I schools which have failed to make Adequate Yearly Progress for two consecutive years are designated as in need of improvement by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and are required to submit a School Improvement Plan using the FDOE online template. In Miami-Dade County, thirteen schools were designated as in need of improvement. Six of those schools were designated as School Performance Grade "F" and have submitted their School Improvement Plans to the School Board at the meetings on August 20, 2003, and September 10, 2003. The remaining seven schools, Comstock Elementary School, Frederick Douglass Elementary School, Dunbar Elementary School, Edison Park Elementary School, West Little River Elementary School, Aspira South Youth Leadership Charter School, and Florida International Academy Charter School are submitting their School Improvement Plans, developed with the assistance of their Educational Excellence School Advisory Councils, as required by law. Each of the schools has received comprehensive assistance and review in the preparation of these plans from a district support team. In addition, the district has developed a two-year Assistance and Intervention Plan to align with each school's plan and support it.

Copies of the School Improvement Plans and District Assistance and Intervention Plans for each school will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the 2003-2004 School Improvement Plans and accompanying District Assistance and Intervention Plans for schools designated in need of improvement under No Child Left Behind.

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