

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

SUBJECT: COUNTYWIDE ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

The at-large election of the board chair will provide the community with a countywide representative and balance the interests of individual districts with those of the entire county.

Effecting such a change would necessitate specific action by the Florida Legislature and the School Board in amending statutes, applicable laws and possible redistricting to comply with the Federal District Court ruling of 1994 allowing for single-member districts.

On March 12, 2003, the School Board, via a straw poll, expressed its interest in the countywide election of the board chair. Additionally, at the Legislative Program Workshop on October 8th, considerable discussion was afforded on the issue and it enjoyed support of members present.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida amend its 2004 legislative program to include language proposing flexibility for school districts to elect the school board chair on a countywide basis.

REPLACEMENT
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