

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO  
                  CONSOLIDATE FIENBERG/FISHER ADULT AND COMMUNITY  
                  EDUCATION CENTER WITH MIAMI BEACH ADULT AND  
                  COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER**

**COMMITTEE:    EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

At the School Board Meeting of July 10, 2002, Agenda item B-22, authorization was issued to consolidate adult/vocational centers as it becomes a necessary action in regard to cost-saving measures. Authorization is sought for the Superintendent to consolidate Fienberg/Fisher Adult and Community Education Center with Miami Beach Adult and Community Education Center, effective July 1, 2004. The consolidation of these two centers will allow the school district to curtail operating costs and maximize available resources.

The following steps will be taken to assist in the consolidation process:

1. All programs at Fienberg/Fisher Adult and Community Education Center will be consolidated into Miami Beach Adult and Community Education Center;
2. Programs and services will continue based upon needs assessment of the community;
3. Fienberg/Fisher Adult and Community Education Center will remain open as a satellite center of Miami Beach Adult and Community Education Center; and
4. The existing personnel assigned to Miami Beach Adult and Community Education Center will be temporarily relocated to existing facilities at Fienberg/Fisher Adult and Community Education Center and at Nautilus Middle School.

The consolidation of these two adult/vocational education centers will reflect an approximate savings of \$230,000 to the Workforce Development Education Fund, all of which will be redirected to centers with pressing fiscal needs. This recommendation is in support of the Board's desire to make academic programs fiscally responsible.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to consolidate Fienberg/Fisher Adult and Community Education Center with Miami Beach Adult and Community Education Center, effective July 1, 2004.

GMK/CR:mjm