

Dr. Martin Karp, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO INITIATE A DISTRICT-WIDE PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN THE DISTRICT'S PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM AND EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Recycling and waste reduction are civic responsibilities of all Miami-Dade County residents. Schools play an important role in creating character education programs and developing environmental consciousness among students. The Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Recycling Program can assist in achieving these objectives. A program for the recycling of paper in our schools will give our students real life experiences while instilling good habits that benefit the community. The need exists to promote awareness and specifically encourage student participation in the district's current paper recycling program. Age appropriate objectives will be written to promote participation at all grade levels.

This initiative should focus on the following objectives:

- Maintain compliance with environmental protection laws
- Enhance environmental conservation awareness among students, teachers, administrators and support staff
- Reduce the district's overall cost for solid waste collection

If feasible, financial incentives would be paid from savings in the district operating budget for solid waste collection and to participating schools; therefore, no new funds would be required.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTIN KARP: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. initiate a district-wide promotional campaign to increase participation in the district's Paper Recycling Program; and
2. explore the feasibility of providing financial incentives for participating schools to share generated revenues with the district.