

June 14, 2005

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Member

**SUBJECT: EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE
THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ADVANCED
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The School Board of Miami-Dade created the Efficiency and Competition Committee on March 12, 2002 and restructured the Committee on March 16, 2005. The Efficiency Committee has met and determined that its first mission is to review each of the standing Board committees and to recommend to the Board whether to sunset, restructure or continue without change such committees.

The Efficiency Committee met on April 29 and May 16, 2005 and adopted the following criteria for assessing standing Board committees:

- What was the Committee's function and mission when it was created?
- Did the Committee fulfill its mission?
- Does the Committee have an ongoing function?
- Has the Committee met regularly?
- Does staff believe the Committee is valuable?
- Should the Committee be restructured/eliminated?
- Can its mission be accomplished in a more efficient streamlined manner?

The Efficiency Committee reviewed the committee known as "District Advisory Committee for Advanced Academic Programs (the "DACAAP Committee"), which is staffed by Ms. Beatriz Zarraluqui, Administrative Director, Academic Programs.

The DACAAP Committee's mission is to evaluate current advanced and gifted programs and policies and to consider new developments in the field.

The staff advised that the DACAAP Committee is composed of a small group of parents and District staff. The DACAAP does not have a method of distributing information to parents or of receiving input from a wide group of parents since the school based gifted committees are no longer active. The staff advised that the District organized a recent Parent Conference on Advanced Academic Programs that attracted over 300 participants and was a more efficient way to interact with a large group of parents interested in advanced academic programs. ADD

The Efficiency Committee agreed that the DACAAP Committee has fulfilled its initial mission of focusing attention on gifted programs and that an annual conference to disseminate information to parents and receive information from parents and stakeholders was a more efficient method of fulfilling this mission.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. EVELYN LANGLIEB GREER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County,
Florida:

1. eliminate the District Advisory Committee for Advanced Academic Programs Committee as a standing Board committee;
2. thank the members of the District Advisory Committee for Advanced Academic Programs Committee for a job well done and invite them to work with staff on staging one or two large conferences a year for parents and stakeholders.