

Frank J. Bolaños, Chairman

**SUBJECT: UNITED LEADERSHIP FOR ACCOUNTABILITY IN
GOVERNMENT**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

In just a few short months, the Miami-Dade School Board has begun an ambitious agenda towards educational reform and restoring the public's trust in Miami-Dade Schools.

By realigning our committees to our strategic goals on December 15, 2004, launching a historic effort to reengineer secondary school curriculum on March 16th, and adopting a Strategic Plan and Five Year Capital Plan on April 13, 2005, we have developed a roadmap and tools for our future success in delivering quality education to all.

Much of our future success in these plans will depend on solid, pro-active working relationships with other governments to carry out these ambitious goals. As an example, the recent joint workshop with Miami-Dade County Commissioners on May 5, 2005 produced positive dialogue, and outlined key areas of cooperation for mutual gain.

On June 6, 2005, the Chairs of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commission, City of Hialeah Council, City of Miami Commission, and the School Board met to pledge to the people of our community, certain guiding principals for reforming our governments and to forge a more cooperative partnership.

This board item is presented with such a vision in mind.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt Resolution No. 05-30 affirming to our citizens a collective pledge with Miami-Dade County, the City of Miami and the City of Hialeah for reform and accountability in government.

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-30
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
AFFIRMING TO OUR CITIZENS A COLLECTIVE PLEDGE WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THE CITY OF
MIAMI AND THE CITY OF HIALEAH FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND REFORM IN GOVERNMENT**

Whereas, the School Board of Miami-Dade County has begun a new chapter in its history and is committed to offering all the children and adults in our community with the highest quality education and facilities; and

Whereas, the School Board adopted its Strategic Plan on April 13, 2005, detailing our objectives of developing students for the global economy, actively engaging families and the community, reforming business practices to ensure efficiency and recruiting and retaining high-performing faculty and staff; and

Whereas, the School Board adopted its Five Year Capital Plan on April 13, 2005 to address its actual capital needs in relation to new capacity, improvements to existing facilities, and educational enhancements; and

Whereas, the School Board believes that a reformed public school system consists of schools that are community-based, provide a rigorous curriculum and provide a safe learning environment; and

Whereas, the School Board and the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners recently convened a joint workshop which produced positive dialogue and outlined key opportunities for expanded cooperation such as establishing joint legislative priorities, utilizing more joint-use of facilities, exploring joint-purchasing models and school safety and security; and

Whereas, the Chairmen of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, the City of Hialeah and the City of Miami have pledged to their constituent groups that crucial projects will be completed in a timely manner and accountable to the tax-payers,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

- Section 1. Joins with the elected leaders of Miami-Dade County, the City of Hialeah and the City of Miami in reaffirming its commitment to deliver capital construction programs on time, and to ensure that mechanisms are in place for the public to readily access information on projects planned, monies budgeted and progress made to date.
- Section 2. Ensure continued dialogue between these governments prior to planning of new schools, facilities, roads and projects to capitalize on "joint-use" and minimize unintended negative impact to citizens.
- Section 3. Reaffirms its shared responsibility for the security and well-being of our children while in school and commits to allocate appropriate resources to ensure that schools are safe and adequately protected.
- Section 3. Work with these entities to collectively determine annual legislative priorities to ensure a stronger and unified voice in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C.
- Section 4. Pledge to develop a more innovative approach to the joint use of government facilities, park and other resources and save the taxpayers money by utilizing joint-bids and joint-purchasing mechanisms for goods and services.
- Section 5. Ensure that summer activities in parks, museums, businesses and the home complement the academic learning that takes place in the classroom and expanded in future years.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this fifteenth day of June, A.D. 2005.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary