

Frank J. Bolaños, Chairman

SUBJECT: UNITED LEADERSHIP FOR ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The many challenges and opportunities facing our community can best be met through better communication and cooperation among our elected leaders and other governmental bodies.

By realigning our committees to our strategic goals on December 15th, 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 13th, 2005, we have developed our own roadmap and tools for future success in delivering quality education to all.

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

As a natural extension of these efforts, and to improve communication between local governments and the communities they serve, on June 6th, 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.

Additionally, on June 9th, 2005 at the Innovation, Efficiency and Governmental Relations committee meeting, School Board members present showed interest in quarterly reports from the Superintendent on the Capital Plan's progress as well as expediting previous board action on developing a mechanism for the public to readily access information online on individual projects.

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

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

1. 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.
2. direct the Superintendent to provide quarterly reports to the School Board on progress made on the Capital Plan and ensure that that mechanisms are in place for the public to readily access information online for projects planned, monies budgeted and progress made to date.

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**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.

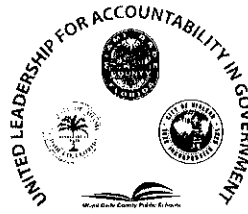
Presented this fifteenth day of June, A.D. 2005.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary



June 6, 2005

To the Citizens of Miami-Dade County:

As the elected leaders of Miami-Dade County, the City of Miami, the City of Hialeah and the Miami-Dade County School Board, collectively seeking to improve communication between our respective governments and to strengthen the bonds of trust between the people and their elected representatives, we express our commitment to improve and reform local government.

We are governing at an historic moment with great opportunity. The Board of County Commissioners is implementing The People's Transportation Plan and the Building Better Communities Bond Program, both approved by voters. The School Board of Miami-Dade County has begun a new chapter in its governance and is carrying out its Strategic Plan and Five Year Capital Plan. The City of Miami Commission recognizes that growth impacts virtually all aspects of the daily life of its residents, and is committed to master plans that result in more predictable, better balanced growth in completing the Homeland Defense / Neighborhood Improvement bond initiative. The city of Hialeah will continue its aggressive Infrastructure Improvement Plan and has committed to pursue additional affordable housing.

In that spirit, we bring forth the following guiding principles to the people of Miami-Dade County:

CONSTRUCTION

We reaffirm our belief in accountability with our commitment to the citizens of Miami-Dade County to deliver our capital construction programs substantially on time, and to complete each program as approved by the citizens of the County, ensuring that mechanisms are in place for the public to learn about projects planned, monies budgeted and progress made to date.

BUSINESS PRACTICES

We express our desire to run government more like a business, and do more with less. We must treat our citizens both as investors and as customers and propose to complete annual customer satisfaction surveys, and allocate financial and human resources to key strategic priorities based on performance.

EFFICIENCY

We will work to improve the efficiency of government and increase the productivity of staff through the use of emerging technologies, while gradually reducing administrative overhead through modern management practices and planned attrition.

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EMPLOYEES

We will invest in our employees providing them with education, development and opportunities for career advancement. We believe in a performance pay system that rewards employees for positive behavior and results.

JOINT USE AND PURCHASING

We propose to develop a more innovative approach to the joint use of government facilities, parks and other resources and save the taxpayers money by utilizing joint-bids and joint-purchasing mechanisms for goods and services.

LEGISLATIVE UNITY

Our elected bodies should collectively determine annual legislative priorities to ensure a stronger and unified voice in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C.

COMMUNICATION & TRANSPARENCY

We are committed to providing clear information to our community in English, Spanish, and Creole, while increasing public participation and access to all advisory committees and taking meetings to the public regularly.

SENIOR CITIZENS

We will pursue ways to limit the impact of increased property values and their resulting tax burden on senior citizens living in poverty.

SECURITY AND SAFETY

Finally, we are committed to providing for the welfare and security of our citizens, including sharing the responsibility for the well-being of our children while in school and responding to critical incidents without regard to jurisdiction.

Respecting the judgment of our fellow citizens as we seek their mandate for reform, we hereby pledge our names to these guiding principles for reform.



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