Joseph Garcia, Chief Communications Officer

SUBJECT:

REQUEST PERMISSION TO WAIVE FINGERPRINTING OF STUDENTS CONSIDERED EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL

DISTRICT

COMMITTEE:

INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At the School Board meeting of May 18, 2005, the School Board approved Item D-46, the initial reading of a proposed amendment of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 4C-1.021, Fingerprinting of all Employees Prior to Employment. Because there are not 28 days between the School Board meeting of May 18, 2005, and the School Board meeting of June 15, 2005, the revision of the aforementioned School Board Rule cannot take place until the School Board meeting of July 13, 2005.

One aspect of the rule change will end the practice of fingerprinting K-12 Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students who are considered employees of the District. A number of these students will participate in internships with the District this summer as part of the 2005 Passport to Summer Explorations summer school program. In the spirit of the School Board's action at the meeting of May 18, 2005, the Superintendent therefore requests the School Board's permission to waive any fingerprint requirement for K-12 Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students involved in District internships under the 2005 Passport to Summer Explorations summer school program.

This item does not appear in the regular agenda. There is good cause to vary from the agenda because summer school begins on June 22, 2005, which is prior to the next School Board meeting, and students involved in internships need to be in place by June 22, 2005.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, waive requirements of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 4C-1.021, Fingerprinting of All Employees Prior to Employment, as it relates to K-12 Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students who are involved in internships with the District under the 2005 Passport to Summer Explorations summer school program.

Good Cause C-33

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