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School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE COMPOSITION OF TASK FORCE MEMBERS TO STUDY THE INHERENT ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH OUTDOOR SUSPENSION

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS BY ALL STUDENTS

At its April 18, 2007 meeting, the School Board approved Item H-12, proffered by Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, which proposed that the School Board convene a broad-based Task Force made up of school district and community representatives to study the inherent issues associated with outdoor suspensions. It was proposed that this Task Force also review alternatives to outdoor suspensions and report its findings to the Board at the July 11, 2007 School Board Meeting. Also, Item H-12 recommended that the Superintendent propose the composition of this Task Force at the School Board Meeting of May 16, 2007.

In response to the Board action, the proposed composition of a broad-based Task Force to study the inherent issues associated with outdoor suspensions will consist of no more than 25 members. The proposed composition of this Task Force is as follows:

- Principals
- District Administrative Staff
- Board Attorney's Office
- Law Enforcement
- Juvenile Justice
- Community-Based Organizations
- Civil Rights/Diversity Compliance Staff
- Teachers - United Teachers of Dade (UTD)
- Parents – Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA)
- Students – Student Government Association (SGA)

Upon Board approval of its composition, members of this Task Force will be identified through each representative group. Once selected, the Task Force will be convened to study and review the inherent issues associated with outdoor suspension and report its findings at the Board Meeting of July 11, 2007.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the proposed composition of a Task Force to study and review the inherent issues associated with outdoor suspension.

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