Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of July 15, 2008

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT:

CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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PLAN:

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School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.101 defines the type of School Board meetings and the manner and method for calling those meetings. Section III B.1 provides that special meetings may be called "for official action on topics in the call and agenda for the meeting by the Superintendent of Schools, the Chair of the School Board through the Superintendent, or by request of a majority of the members of the School Board. Such request shall be communicated in writing by the individual Board member to the Board Attorney. Upon receiving requests by a majority of the Board, the Board Attorney shall notify the Superintendent of the need to call a special meeting."

Notwithstanding the clear procedure outlined in the Board rule, the Board Attorney at a recent School Board meeting advised Board member Logan that an individual School Board member must bring an agenda item to a Board meeting for purposes of calling a special meeting.

Therefore, this agenda item proposes that the Board direct the Superintendent to call a special Board meeting within the next ten business days upon the polling of the Board members for meeting availability to discuss the current administration and management of the school district as it pertains to fiscal responsibility, compliance with reduction-inforce contractual procedures, compliance with School Board rules and state laws, and such other matters of concern by Board members.

This agenda item also proposes that affected employees, unions and professional organizations representatives, parents and members of the public be invited to attend and provide their concerns to the School Board as the elected officials, policy makers and quardians of the public trust.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. MARTA PÉREZ:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to:

- call a special School Board meeting within the next ten business days to discuss the current administration and management of the school district as it pertains to fiscal responsibility, compliance with reduction-in-force contractual procedures, compliance with School Board rules and state laws, and such other matters of concern by Board members; and
- invite affected employees, union and professional organizations representatives, parents and members of the public to attend and provide their concerns to the School Board.