

Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION (FDOE) INTERVENE DECISION PLANS  
FOR INTERVENE SCHOOLS UNDER FLORIDA'S  
DIFFERENTIATED ACCOUNTABILITY MODEL**

On July 1, 2008, the State of Florida was selected by the U.S. Department of Education to participate in the Differentiated Accountability pilot program. Differentiated Accountability (DA) aligns and integrates Florida's "School Grading" Accountability System with the Federal "No Child Left Behind" Accountability program and provides increased support for the State's lowest-performing schools.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has four (4) schools that are designated within the most critical lowest-performing or "Intervene" category: Holmes Elementary School, Liberty City Elementary School, Miami Edison Senior High School, and Miami Central Senior High School. These schools are graded "F", have not increased student performance, have less than 65% of students reaching proficiency in reading and/or mathematics, and/or have four or more "F" grades since 2003.

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) requires the District to choose one of four options listed below for Intervene schools that do not meet the requirements for the Transitional Status and Exit Intervene Status.

Schools that achieve a school grade of "C" and increase the overall percentage of Adequate Yearly Progress criteria met by at least 5% in reading and 5% in mathematics, on the 2009 administration of the FCAT enter Exit Intervene status.

Schools that improve to a "D" or higher but do not increase their Adequate Yearly Progress criteria met by at least 5% in reading and 5% in mathematics on the 2009 administration of the FCAT enter Transitional Status. These schools may continue to implement interventions for an additional year.

The four options for the Intervene schools that do not make progress include:

- Reassign students to another school and monitor progress of reassigned students;
- Convert to a district-managed turnaround school;
- Close and reopen as a charter or multiple charters; or
- Contract with an outside entity to run the school.

Originally, the FDOE required completed implementation plans by November 17, 2008; however, this requirement was subsequently changed to the submission of the attached Intervene Decision Plans for each of the four Intervene schools.

Copies of the Intervene Decision Plans will be transmitted to the Board under separate cover and a copy of the plans will be placed on file in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the Intervene Decision Plans for each of the four schools: Holmes Elementary School, Liberty City Elementary School, Miami Edison Senior High School, and Miami Central Senior High School.

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