

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE *MULTILINGUAL TASK FORCE*  
2007

**COMMITTEE:** INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**LINK TO DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC GOAL:** DEVELOP OUR STUDENTS SO THEY ARE ABLE TO  
SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

During the 1997-98 and 2001-02 school years, the Board approved to convene the Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force in order to design and implement a plan to improve the delivery of bilingual programs district wide. More recently, at the School Board meeting of October 11, 2006, I proffered Agenda Item B-7, Reconvene the Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force. Item B-7 directed the Superintendent to reconvene the Task Force, explore the feasibility of implementing a foreign language requirement from kindergarten through grade 12 and to present a status report to the School Board on implementation of a new action plan.

Based on this action, the Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force was re-established. The findings of the Task Force supported the recommendations of previous Task Forces that recognized the need to increase the language proficiency of students in languages other than English in order to provide them opportunities to be competitive in the global society of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Task Force met through the spring of 2007 and provided the Board with an implementation plan and timelines.

In a continuing effort to keep the Board apprised of the progress made by the district in the implementation of the Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force recommendations, this item proposes that a status report be provided at the next School Board Meeting.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to provide a report to the School Board, at the August 5, 2009 meeting, on the status of the Ad Hoc Multilingual Task Force 2007 recommendations.