

Dr. Marta Pérez, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: UPDATES ON MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE EFFICIENCY OF RECRUITING AND HIRING
PROCESSES**

On June 17, 2009, I proffered Board Agenda Item H-13, which was approved by the Board, requesting a monthly update on the renovations and construction at Miami Senior High School.

Although the Superintendent has indeed provided updates, they are not presented to the Board as a separate Board Agenda item, but rather embedded in some other item that bears little, if any, relevance to the topic. Consequently board members and stakeholders are unaware at which point in the agenda the discussion will take place. The public is unable to participate in the discussion as is their right.

In June, I was informed that the topic would be covered under the Superintendent's A-1 Informational Item, yet, last month I had to inquire from the Chief Facilities Officer where on the agenda the update on Miami Senior High would be provided because A-1 did not include it. To my surprise, I was informed that the update would be provided under Board Agenda Item E-26 – APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 09-58 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$104.855 MILLION IN CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION SERIES 2009B AND APPOINT GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. AS UNDERWRITER, an item that does not address the construction progress at Miami Senior High School. This practice does little to foster the transparency that we claim to have sincerely achieved. Thus, staff should honor the spirit of the Board's requests by bringing these updates as a separate and distinct item, so that everyone is clear on when the discussion will take place.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to report on the renovations/construction at Miami Senior High School, as an individual Board Agenda Item commencing with the October 2009 Board Meeting

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