

Office of School Board Members  
Board Meeting of June 15, 2011

June 14, 2011

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: LACROSSE**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

In recent years lacrosse has been offered as boys and girls club sport at multiple high schools in our school system. These clubs have been self-funded and have been overseen by parents and faculty that received a club supplement provided by the school. The sport is growing in popularity and affords students opportunities to be recruited by colleges and universities that increasingly offer lacrosse programs.

Lacrosse was recognized as a sport by The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) in 2008. This past year the FHSAA announced that all club teams must be part of the FHSAA if they are to continue to exist.

Per Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A1.161, GMAC was formed following the dissolution of the Gold Coast Conference. All Miami-Dade County Public Schools fall under the jurisdiction of the GMAC. As the governing conference, all sports must be sanctioned by the GMAC in order for member schools to offer them to their students.

Under GMAC rule, in order for a sport to be considered for GMAC sponsorship, two-thirds of member schools must participate in the sport with a full team.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MR. CARLOS L. CURBELO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, amend the GMAC required two-thirds participation policy for a period of three years in order to allow for the expansion of lacrosse programs across the District and that the GMAC explore the feasibility of eliminating the two-thirds requirement for all sports in the near future.

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