Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of November 21, 2012

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT:

ENHANCE LITERARY SELECTIONS IN MIAMI-DADE

COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE:

INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE

AND

COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

FRAMEWORK:

STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The increased emphasis on Extended Foreign Language (EFL) instruction provides tremendous opportunities for our students to learn multiple languages and acquire the skills needed to read and communicate effectively in those languages.

One specific challenge for teachers delivering instruction in EFL is the lack of reading materials in our media centers. Working with the Miami-Dade County Public Library System to develop an inter library loan system where books in the County could be loaned to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) for student checkout is an idea worth exploring. M-DCPS would be able to immediately provide students and teachers additional resources at no cost.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. MARTIN KARP:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to explore developing a partnership with the Miami-Dade County Public Library System to enhance literary selections in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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