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SUBJECT: ENHANCEMENTS TO THE ONLINE CHECK REGISTER

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

At the School Board Meeting of May 4, 2007, I proposed Board Agenda Item H-9, Online Checkbook Register, directing the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of posting the District's checkbook register online. This initiative received overwhelming support from the Board and resulted in launching the Online Checkbook Register some months later. The checkbook register tool was a basic one given the limitations imposed by the system software in place at the time.

Since then, the administration has continued to spearhead efforts by creating a General Obligation Bond (21st Century Bond) reporting dashboard where the public can view progress on individual bond projects and enhancing the budget resource center website to provide clarity on the budget to stakeholders. Further augmenting transparency, the school district has held numerous town hall meetings about financial matters such as the Value Adjustment Board issues surrounding tax collection shortfalls impacting the District.

As a result of the full and successful implementation of the SAP ERP financial software system, more data regarding the checkbook register is available to share with the public. Therefore, this item requests further transparency in this area by adding functionality to the online checkbook register such as sorting capabilities and refining the search functions. Further enhancements may be possible as future upgrades to the software become available.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTA PÉREZ WURTZ: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of enhancing the District's online checkbook register tool by adding a sort function, refining search capabilities, as well as any other improvements that may be available now or become available in the future.