

February 6, 2006

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE RENOVATION

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

On February 15, 2005, my office submitted a request to the Superintendent for a detailed report outlining the costs of past renovations to the School Board Office. After several Chapter 119 public information requests, my office never received the information and we were told it was too cumbersome to do the research involved to compile the information and that staff had more important matters to address. This information should not be so difficult to retrieve since it is public information, since the board has stated its desire for transparency in government, and since staff is often asked to work on far less pertinent tasks.

At the beginning of this month, February 1, 2006, plans to renovate the Board Members Office were distributed by the Superintendent's Office. Among the many changes, the plans show in detail the expansion of the existing conference room, the additions of offices, and the expansion of the existing lobby.

The Board Members were not consulted and have not received any prior notification on this project nor its cost, despite the fact that the memorandum received from the Superintendent's office states that the changes will take effect in the upcoming months.

Considering that our priorities are students, many schools are in disrepair and in need of renovations. The prioritizing of the renovation of the Board Members Office does not resonate with fiscal responsibility, especially in light of the recent concerns regarding funding for the next five years. Additionally, these renovations are unnecessary when the existing conference room is only utilized a few times a month, the limited use given to Board Members offices, the need for space and crowded conditions existing in many of our departments in the building.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Direct the Superintendent to cease construction of the renovation to the Board Members Office and provide the Board with a report outlining all costs associated with said renovation by the March 15, 2006. When the board has been given this information, the Board can then decide whether this is an expense that it would like to incur.

MEMORANDUM

February 15, 2005

TO: Dr. Rudolph F. Crew, Superintendent

FROM: Dr. Marta Pérez, School Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

At present I would like to receive an itemized list containing a job description and total cost of any and all projects involving renovations, additions, paint, flooring, partitions, and enhancements that have been made in the Board Member Office within the last four years.

I thank you in advance for your attention and consideration.

MP/mtq

MEMORANDUM

March 23, 2005

TO: Dr. Rudolph F. Crew, Superintendent

FROM: Dr. Marta Pérez, School Board Member

SUBJECT: Chapter 119, Public Information Request

This memorandum requests the following information in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Public Information Law:

- 1- Job description and total cost of any and all projects involving renovations, additions, paint, flooring and partitions that have been made in the Board Member Office since July of 2002.
- 2- Budget structure that was utilized in paying for the abovementioned improvements.

I anticipate that this information will be provided within 10 days from the date of this memorandum in order to comply with Florida's Public Information Law.

I thank you in advance for your attention and consideration

MP/mtq

MEMORANDUM

February 1, 2006

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

FROM: Rudolph F. Crew, Superintendent of Schools *RFC*

SUBJECT: LAYOUT FOR THE 7TH FLOOR RENOVATIONS

Attached is a copy of the layout for the 7th floor renovations that has been approved by Mr. Agustin J. Barrera, Chair. The renovations will be completed in the next few months with the least disruption to the flow of the office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ms. Rose Diamond, Chief Facilities Officer, at 305-995-1401 or Mr. Jorge Luaces, Design Officer, at 305-995-2393.

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Attachment

cc: School Board Attorney
Ms. Rose Diamond
Mr. Jorge Luaces

