

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-22 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REAFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO ACCOUNTABLE AND ETHICAL GOVERNMENT ACCORDING TO THE SUNSHINE AMENDMENT AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND ADOPTING THE FLORIDA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION'S STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER BOARDSMANSHIP**

Recent events in Miami-Dade County have eroded public confidence in government institutions. The Board has a unique opportunity to provide leadership by reaffirming its commitment to accountable and ethical government. Approval of Resolution No. 00-22 sends a strong and clear message to the community that the School Board serves its community diligently and responsibly.

The Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees is part of Florida statutes (Chapter 112 et seq.), which governs the comportment of elected officials and government employees in Florida. In addition, the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) has promulgated standards for school board member boardsmanship. Likewise, other school boards around the nation, including those in Louisiana, Connecticut and North Dakota, have adopted standards for school board member boardsmanship that state specific goals of the school board and institutionalize state-mandated codes of conduct.

It is requested that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-22 reaffirming its commitment to accountable and ethical government according to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees and adopting the FSBA Standards of School Board Member Boardsmanship, as stated in the resolution.

The Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees and the Standards for School Board Member Boardsmanship will be sent to the Board under separate cover. A copy of these documents will be placed on file in the Citizen Information Center and the Office of the Recording Secretary.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PEREZ**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-22, of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, reaffirming its commitment to accountable and ethical government according to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and adopting the Florida School Boards Association's Standards for School Board Member Boardsmanship.

**REPLACEMENT  
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RESOLUTION NO. 00-22  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
REAFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO ACCOUNTABLE AND ETHICAL  
GOVERNMENT ACCORDING TO THE SUNSHINE AMENDMENT AND CODE  
OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND ADOPTING THE  
FLORIDA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION'S STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL  
BOARD MEMBER BOARDSMANSHIP.

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County School Board promotes the best interest of the school district as a whole and realizes its first and greatest concern is for the education and welfare of the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-22 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, reaffirming its commitment to accountable and ethical government according to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and adopting the Florida School Boards Association's Standards for School Board Member Boardsmanship.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this 21st day of June A. D. 2000

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary