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Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SUGGEST AMENDMENT TO SCHOOL BOARD RULE 6Gx13 – 3F-1.022, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR INSURANCE OR RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS -- POLICY**

School Board Rule 6Gx13 – 3F-1.022, Professional Services Contracts for Insurance or Risk Management Programs – Policy, establishes the procedures for contracting with insurance and risk management programs.

Section A, describing the procedure for awarding contracts with an estimated cost greater than \$6,000.00 annually, paragraph 1 states that:

"The Superintendent shall appoint an ad hoc insurance committee which will include broad based representation of various administrative offices of the Board, and, to the extent possible, some external risk managers, to review property and casualty requests for proposals. The Fringe Benefits Council will serve in this capacity for items involving collective bargaining. This review will include detailed criteria for business development and assistance."

Furthermore, Section A, paragraph 5, states that:

"The ad hoc insurance committee or the Fringe Benefits Council will review proposals received, when necessary interview proposers, and make consensus recommendations to the Superintendent, prior to Board action on the award."

The Ad Hoc Insurance Committee is currently made up of 10 persons representing both staff and labor. The Fringe Benefits Council (FBC) is currently composed of 7 persons representing staff and 11 persons representing Labor. It is inappropriate for Labor representatives to have access to information regarding insurance and risk management contracts prior to the School Board. Furthermore, Labor representatives represent a majority in the FBC and can influence the recommendations made to the Board.

This item requests that the School Board direct the Superintendent to suggest language to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13 – 3F-1.022 with the intent of establishing a committee, composed solely of staff and external risk managers, to replace the Ad Hoc Insurance Committee and the Fringe Benefits Council. This committee can recommend to the Superintendent who, in turn, can then make recommendations to the School Board and labor organizations for collective bargaining.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to suggest language to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13 – 3F-1.022, Professional Services Contracts for Insurance or Risk Management Programs – Policy, to comply with the intent stated in paragraph 5 of this item.