

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of July 11, 2001

July 9, 2001

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO DIRECT THE TASK FORCE ON OVERCROWDING TO INCLUDE, IN ITS REPORT, AN EVALUATION OF THE CONCEPT OF BUILDING SMALLER SCHOOLS ON SMALLER SITES

The well-documented benefits of small class size, as well as the adverse effects of classroom overcrowding on student achievement and safety, make overcrowding one of the most urgent problems that this Board must attempt to solve. This Board most recently approved a split session schedule for Miami Springs High School to relieve the problem at that school.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools currently has a Task Force on Overcrowding that held its first meeting last month. The objective of this task force is to study and analyze creative solutions to address classroom overcrowding.

This item requests that The Board direct the Superintendent to direct the task force to include, in its report to the Board, an evaluation of the small schools on small sites concept.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PEREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to direct the Task Force on Overcrowding to include, in its report to the Board, an evaluation of the small schools on small sites concept.

**REPLACEMENT
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