Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of September 10, 2008

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

COMMITTEE:

INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN:

REFORM BUSINESS PRACTICES TO ENSURE

EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS AND HIGH

ETHICAL STANDARDS

Recent School Board meetings have been contentious at times in part due to confusion on parliamentary procedures. This has detracted from the substantive debate taking place.

School Board Rule 6Gx13- <u>8c-1.12</u>, Board Meetings – Rules of Order and Parliamentarian simply states that the "Attorney to the Board shall serve as parliamentarian". It is apparent, however, that this configuration is not functioning properly.

This item proposes that the School Board appoint a professional and credentialed parliamentarian to serve at regular and special School Board Meetings.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. MARTA PÉREZ:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida appoint, on a part-time basis, a professional and credentialed parliamentarian at regular and special school board meetings.