

Office of School Board Members  
Board Meeting of September 12, 2001

September 6, 2001

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA PARTICIPATE IN THE 2002 FAST TRACK INITIAL MASTER BOARD PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE FLORIDA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

This year, the Florida legislature passed the "2001 Sharpening The Pencil Act" with the goal of improving student achievement and increasing school district accountability. As part of this legislation, a 2-year "best practices" review cycle, conducted by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA), was scheduled. Miami-Dade County Public Schools was chosen as the first recipient of this review.

The comprehensive review will assess the district's effectiveness in fourteen areas, one of which is Management Structures. The first goal within this section is to determine whether the "district's school board and superintendent have established clearly delineated responsibilities and the policies and practices they need to effectively manage the district." Among the measures used for assessing effectiveness in this section is whether "The board has qualified as a master board and board members receive ongoing training."

The Florida School Boards Association has created a Fast Track Initial Master Board Program designed to facilitate meeting this element of the OPPAGA "Best Financial Management Practices Review." The program includes Leadership Team Forums, Core Belief Workshops and elective workshops, and will commence in January 2002.

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

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