

Dr. Marta Perez, Board Member

SUBJECT: LARGE HIGH SCHOOLS

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
 ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

School districts throughout the United States responded to large student influxes and social policies by building increasingly larger schools. Miami-Dade County constructed mega-high schools, particularly in the western areas of the county, which house as many as 4,100 students. Some parents are willing to travel long distances to schools located in the eastern section of the District in order to enroll their children in choice programs; however the opposite does not occur. Schools near the District's administrative offices offer easier traffic accessibility for our staff, but the majority of our students attend larger schools. District support for these schools magnifies the benefits for a large proportion of students.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTA PEREZ: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to accentuate the needs of the large high schools as part of the District Strategic Plan.