

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: FCAT TESTING

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF ALL
STUDENTS**

When the Florida Legislature enacted the Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test (FCAT) in 1996, its purpose was a tool for measuring student achievement and a vehicle to make the schools accountable for their performance.

It is of concern to some educators whether or not we should look at the student and classroom impact of high-stakes testing preparation. Recently the Broward County School Board and some state lawmakers have entered into a discussion on the amount of classroom hours dedicated to test preparation. It may be prudent for Miami-Dade County Public Schools to conduct a workshop or convene a task force to discuss available data regarding the effects of FCAT preparation activities in the schools' delivery of the education program for its students.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to conduct a workshop and/or create a task force to discuss available data regarding the effects of FCAT preparation activities in the schools' delivery of the education program for its students.