

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: LAPTOPS FOR ALL STUDENTS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO  
DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC PLAN: ELIMINATE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP**

Mr. Nicholas Negroponte, a professor at MIT, has originated a promising concept: a laptop computer for every child. He developed a prototype computer tested by school children in under-developed countries. He worked with Google and other large companies to develop a low-cost, child-friendly laptop computer that is workable and can be used under a variety of conditions and which costs under **\$200**. His initiative, *One Laptop Per Child*, is working with countries worldwide to generate sufficient orders for mass production.

Intel Corporation has joined Mr. Negroponte in this endeavor which has the potential to revolutionize education.

It would be beneficial if Miami-Dade County Public Schools explored this idea with *One Laptop Per Child* and Intel Corporation.

CBS News aired a segment recently on this exciting educational possibility, which can be seen at [http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/i\\_video/main500251.shtml?id=2830221n](http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/i_video/main500251.shtml?id=2830221n). Additional information can be found in Mr. Negroponte's website, <http://web.media.mit.edu/~nicholas>. Other useful websites are <http://laptop.org/>, <http://olpc.com/>, and <http://www.classmatepc.com/community.html>.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. MARTA PÉREZ:** That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of contacting and working with Mr. Nicholas Negroponte and Intel Corporation and give this district the opportunity to give every student a laptop and report to the board on or before the December board meeting.

110,668 **H-10 DIRECTED\*** The Superintendent to research and develop a feasibility study for the implementation of technology and instructional technology ~~explore the feasibility of contacting and working with like Mr. Nicholas Negroponte and Intel Corporation and give this District the opportunity to give every student a laptop, and report to the Board on or before by the December~~ February 2008 Board meeting.

\* Amended, as reflected above.