

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO IMPLEMENT THE BABY CARE MODELS AND TIMELINE PROPOSED IN THE BABY CARE AND EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM FEASIBILITY REPORT RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD AT ITS JUNE 16, 2010 MEETING**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:           EDUCATION**

At the Board meeting of June 16, 2010, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved Agenda Item C-3, requesting that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive a status report on the feasibility of creating a pilot program that incorporates Baby Care (0 – 3 years) for children of school employees at designated school sites and district buildings.

The feasibility report included four implementation models and an implementation timeline, as follows:

**Phase I: 2010 – 2011**

**• Model A: High Schools/Education Centers**

Five licensed senior high schools will offer a baby care and education program at Miami Lakes Education Center, Booker T. Washington Senior High School, Coral Gables Senior High School, Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center, and Miami Sunset Senior High School.

**• Model B: Public/Private Partnership by Feeder Pattern**

Accredited and licensed private child care centers within specific feeder patterns will partner with Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Office of Early Childhood Programs to provide child care services with preferential courtesy rates for District employees.

## **Phase II: 2011 – 2012**

- **Model C: Alternative Public/Private Partnerships**

Classroom space in under-enrolled schools will be leased to agencies or entities such as the United Way, Child Development Services, and the Miami-Dade Community Action Agency Head Start to provide services for children birth to three years of age.

- **Model D: Elementary Schools Center**

Two under-enrolled elementary schools will offer a fee-based Baby Care and Education Program for three year old students. Potential sites are Tropical Elementary and Orchard Villa Elementary.

## **Phase III: 2012 – 2013 and Beyond**

Continue the expansion of age birth through three programs at under-enrolled elementary schools based on the availability of space and need.

Copies of the feasibility report will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and will be available for inspection, by the public, in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33132.

### **ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to implement the Baby Care Models and Timeline proposed in the Baby Care and Education Pilot Program Feasibility Report received by the School Board at its June 16, 2010 meeting.