Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of October 23, 2002

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE

COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXAMINE THE CURRICULA OF SCHOOLS DESIGNATED AS

PERFORMANCE GRADE "F"

Twelve schools in Miami-Dade County Public Schools were designated by the Florida Department of Education with school-performance grade "F" in the 2001-2002 school year. It is important to examine the instructional practices taking place in these schools, in terms of curriculum design and implementation. Although information describing curriculum programs being utilized in schools is collected annually, there is no formal external assessment of the appropriateness and quality of curriculum implementation. It is imperative that a formal evaluation be conducted to identify curriculum-related practices in our least successful schools.

This Board Item directs the Superintendent to examine the curricula of the twelve schools designated as "F" to assess implementation and to submit a report including recommendations for enhancing student achievement.

The report shall be presented to the Board at the December 11, 2002 Board Meeting.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to examine the curricula of schools designated as performance grade "F" and to submit a report. The report shall be presented to the Board at the December 11, 2002 Board Meeting.