

Dr. Martin Karp, Member

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY INVESTIGATE THE CREATION OF A MESSAGE BOARD FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND A SEPARATE ONE FOR TEACHERS AND PREPARE A REPORT INCLUDING COSTS

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

The purpose of creating a message board for administrators and a separate message board for teachers is to encourage communication and to provide support among colleagues. The message boards will only be available to MDCPS employees. Access to the administrators' message board would be restricted to principals and assistant principals. Access to the teachers' message board would be restricted to full-time teachers.

In a large district, educators at opposite ends of the county may never have an opportunity to exchange ideas. The message boards promote the exchange of ideas. Educators seeking advice and support can benefit greatly from those who have experience.

The exchange of ideas is not intended to supplant board rules or district procedures. Specifically we seek permission to:

- Create an administrators-only message board to share ideas and best practices. Administrators will log on using a password. Administrators facing particular situations who would like to share ideas with other administrators who may have faced similar situations can be a constructive means of seeking recommendations and addressing needs.
- Create a teachers-only message board to share ideas and best practices. Teachers will log on using a password. Teachers seeking advice on classroom management techniques, planning lessons for students, interacting with parents, and using effective tools of assessment can benefit by sharing ideas with other teachers with experience who can provide valuable feedback and support.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County investigate the creation of a message board for administrators and a separate one for teachers and prepare a report including costs.