


# Memo

**To:** Maria Diaz de la Portilla  
Administrative Officer II

**From:**  Robert Meyers, Executive Director  
Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

**Date:** 04/21/00

**Re:** School Board Elections

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I am in receipt of your memorandum dated April 18, 2000 and I wanted to respond promptly. According to Dade County Charter Section 1.05 (c), which I have attached, a County employee who qualifies as a candidate for election to any office must immediately take a leave of absence. If you are elected, you forfeit your county position. If you are not elected, you must be reinstated to your former position.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact me at your convenience at (305) 579-2594.

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TO: Robert Meyers  
Executive Director  
Commissioner of Ethics and  
Public Trust

DATE: April 18, 2000

SUBJECT: **School Board Elections**

FROM: Maria Diaz de la Portilla  
Administrative Officer II

This memo serves to request your opinion on the following matter. I am a Miami-Dade County employee who is interested in running for a School Board seat this fall. If elected for this position I would like to know if I could remain employed with Miami-Dade County. I have always been interested in issues concerning the school system. I would like to have the opportunity to run for this seat; therefore, I need to know if my employment presents a conflict of interest. If you have any questions, please contact me at (305) 860-5539.

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