

Mr. Demetrio Pérez, Jr., M.S., Member

SUBJECT: PROVIDE INFORMATION TO PARENTS RELATING TO PRIVATELY-ARRANGED TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS

Following the unfortunate occurrences involving private school bus drivers, in the past, not certified by or under contract to the district, it is clear that parents must be alerted to the importance of being properly informed when contracting for privately-arranged transportation.

Our goal is the safety of the students in our care. Therefore, I am proposing that the Superintendent direct all principals to notify parents in the opening and closing of school bulletin/newsletter, as well as the summer school bulletin/newsletter, of the following:

- Privately-arranged transportation of students is not regulated nor certified by the school district.
- Privately-arranged transportation is the responsibility of the parents who are contracting for its use, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools assumes no liability for privately-arranged transportation.
- Parents are urged to request information regarding insurance, training and licensing of drivers, and the maintenance standards of the vehicles used by their private company.

In order to assist parents of children attending Miami-Dade County Public Schools, it is requested that staff obtain a list, from the appropriate agency, of licensed private school bus companies to be posted at the school entrance or on the bulletin board during the school year. It is also requested that this list be provided to parents during school orientation. This listing should include language indicating that the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, does not endorse, regulate or assume any liability for companies included in the listing.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. DEMETRIO PÉREZ, JR., M.S.:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to inform parents of their responsibility when contracting private transportation not under contract to the district.