

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of March 17, 1999

March 16, 1999

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF SCHOOL SAFETY INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE
 USE OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF PROMOTING A
 SAFER LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

As recent events have shown, society has grown increasingly violent. Unfortunately, drugs and guns are not uncommon in many of our schools and communities. We educators are entrusted with the basic responsibility of ensuring the safety of all children within our schools. We must do everything possible to protect them.

It is recommended that the Superintendent review and update all available information on this district's approach to providing a safe environment for our students, teachers and staff. The study should assess the approach's success and recommend alternative strategies to school safety that can be incorporated into the district's plan. The study shall include the input of parents, teachers, students and security professionals. This report will be submitted to the Board no later than six months from today.

This study shall clearly state what this district can do to improve school safety.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ :**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent of Schools to prepare and review a report on school safety in agreement with the intent stated above.

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