

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of March 17, 1999

March 4, 1999

Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Henry C. Fraind

SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION IN POISON PREVENTION WEEK ACTIVITIES

The week of March 21 - 27, 1999, is Poison Prevention Week, a national event commissioned by the American Association of Poison Control Centers. Elementary schools throughout the district are encouraged to participate in activities to heighten awareness of poisons and their dangers.

The ARISE Foundation, the Florida Poison Information Center, and the Health Foundation of South Florida developed an information package that will be distributed to elementary schools. Various activities and lessons targeting fourth grade students will be included. These lessons are correlated to Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Competency Based Curriculum and Florida Sunshine State Standards.

Staff from several district offices are collaborating to promote this effort and to encourage student participation. Materials related to this effort are provided at no cost to the district.

Information packages will be transmitted to the Board under separate cover and will be placed on file in the Citizen Information Center and the Office of the Board Recording Secretary.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse Miami-Dade County Public Schools participation in Poison Prevention Week activities.

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