

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO SCHEDULE CONFERENCE SESSION ON SCHOOL SAFETY TO BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 20, 1999

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**
- VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- VII - SAFE SCHOOLS**
- IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

Data relating to criminal, violent, or disruptive behavior during the 1998-1999 school year in Miami-Dade County Public Schools shows a decrease in the number of reported incidents. However, the recent string of violence and school shootings throughout the nation have made this Board realize that statistics are hardly reassuring as long as the possibility exists that it could happen in our schools, to our children. It is clearly our intent to ensure that the district's public school students and staff are secure whenever they are on school premises. To this end, this Board has agreed through various actions, to review existing safety procedures and programs in place, to establish ad hoc committees for the development of safety plans, and to review alternative safety strategies that can provide a physical atmosphere conducive to learning.

In order to consolidate the findings of the ad hoc committees, as well as to review and assess the effectiveness of the range of programs in place, it is requested that a conference session on school safety be held at 10:00 A.M. on October 20, 1999. The intent of this conference session is to provide a forum for the presentation of various efforts now in place that addresses school safety. Furthermore, the session will assist Board members in proposing policy and making decisions regarding the implementation of preventative and interventional safety measures in a comprehensive and integrated fashion.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent of Schools to schedule a conference session on school safety to be held at 10:00 A.M. on October 20, 1999.

REPLACEMENT

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