

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of March 15, 2000

March 9, 2000

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH (1) A REPORT ITEMIZING FIRE SAFETY VIOLATIONS IN EACH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL (M-DCPS) AND, (2) SUBMIT TO THE BOARD, AN ACTION PLAN DETAILING HOW EACH VIOLATION WILL BE REMEDIED, OR CONTESTED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING 60 DAYS

The citizens of Miami-Dade County entrust the Board with the responsibility of educating students in a safe environment. Furthermore, the mission of this Board includes disseminating resources that enhance instruction. Creating an environment in which children feel safe from physical harm is crucial in achieving this goal. Recent reports finding that M-DCPS are in violation of fire safety codes causes and should provide for great concern.

This board is accountable to the public in this matter and must act proactively and swiftly to correct violations that exists in our schools.

This item directs the Superintendent to provide a report to the Board that itemizes each violation per school, giving the Board benchmark from which to measure reforms. In addition, this item requires the Superintendent to submit an action plan to the Board detailing how fire code violations will be remedied, or contested, within 60 days.

Maintaining the physical safety of students and staff is imperative to creating an environment conducive to learning. This item creates such an environment while also demonstrating the responsiveness of this Board to issues of vital importance.

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

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to:

1. Provide the Board with a report itemizing fire safety violations in each Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS), and
2. Submit to the Board, an action plan detailing how each violation will be remedied, or contested, within 60 days.
3. These reports should be provided to the Board no later than the April 12 Board meeting, totaling the repair period to 90 days.