

March 14, 2000

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE A CONFERENCE SESSION, WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, AT WHICH THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL (1) PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A REPORT ITEMIZING FIRE SAFETY VIOLATIONS IN EACH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL (M-DCPS), AND (2) PRESENT AN ACTION PLAN DETAILING HOW EACH VIOLATION WILL BE REMEDIATED, OR CONTESTED. DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO INCLUDE, IN THE M-DCPS FEDERAL AND LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS, FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SAFETY-TO-LIFE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

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 exist in our schools.

This item requires that a Conference Session be scheduled within the next two weeks to take action regarding the safety-to-life concerns raised by recent fire inspections. The Superintendent shall provide the Board with a report listing code violations in each school, the cost for each repair, the level of urgency for each violation, and which department is responsible for each repair.

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The Superintendent shall also provide the Board with an action plan and timetable for the repair of the most urgent violations that present an immediate safety-to-life danger. This plan should also include a long range timetable for less pressing repairs, and possible funding sources for these repairs.

The importance of this issue and the lack of economic resources in the district make it necessary to seek funding from Federal and State sources. Therefore, approval of this item also directs the Superintendent to include funding for such safety-to-life emergency repairs as part of the Federal and State Legislative Programs of M-DCPS.

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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. schedule a Conference Session within the next two weeks;
2. provide the Board with a report itemizing fire safety violations, categorizing them as specified above, in each Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) at this conference session;
3. submit to the Board an action plan with an immediate and long range timetable for the repair of urgent and less serious conditions respectively; and
4. include, in the M-DCPS Federal and State Legislative Programs, funding for emergency safety-to-life capital improvements.

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