

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of October 11, 2000

October 10, 2000

Mr. Demetrio Pérez, Jr., Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO: PROVIDE A RESPONSE AND A PLAN OF ACTION TO THE FINAL REPORT OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY GRAND JURY, FALL TERM A.D. 1999, AND PROVIDE SUPPORT TO EACH BOARD MEMBER IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRAND JURY REPORT

Miami-Dade County Public Schools received the Final Report of the Miami-Dade County Grand Jury, Fall term A.D. 1999, filed July 6, 2000, in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida in and for the County of Miami-Dade.

Many of the issues discussed in the report are primarily the duty of each school's principal. However, as elected officials, School Board Members shoulder the ultimate responsibility. The Grand Jury admonished our board to take the lead in this matter by regularly visiting our schools and taking quick, corrective action if needed.

This board shares a keen interest in maintaining a safe and appropriate learning environment for our students. I know that the Grand Jury's findings weigh heavily on all of us, therefore, I would like to give the option to each Board Member to review the schools in their district as suggested in section VI (5) of the recommendations of the Grand Jury Report.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MR. DEMETRIO PEREZ, JR.:

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

1. provide a response and a plan of action to the Final Report of the Miami-Dade Grand Jury before February, 2001; and
2. provide support to each Board Member in order to comply with the recommendations of the Grand Jury Report.

REPLACEMENT

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