

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of February 14, 2001

February 07, 2001

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: CREATION OF TARDY POLICY FOR STUDENTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The School Board's student adviser, Ms. Marylynn Hunt-Dorta, discussed with me her concerns about the lack of a consistent school-wide policy on student tardies. I have reviewed several Board rules, including Board Rule 6Gx13- 5A-1.04, Student Attendance Specific Responsibilities, and within that Board rule I do not see a provision for student tardies, nor do I see a separate Board rule similarly setting forth the specific responsibilities regarding tardies. However, I do see in Board Rule 6GX13- 5D-1.08, the Code of Student Conduct, page 24, that:

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Students have the right to information on rules, policies and procedures that clearly define excused absences, unexcused absences, and tardies.

Therefore, I request that the Superintendent in coordination with his staff, meet with Ms. Hunt-Dorta to address her concerns and come back to the Board, if appropriate, with a consistent district-wide policy governing student tardies.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida request the Superintendent to review the student tardy policy and initiate rulemaking to adopt a district-wide policy governing student tardies if appropriate.

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