

Frank J. Cobo, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF INTEGRATING THE "WALKSAFE" PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM, DEVELOPED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, RYDER TRAUMA CENTER, INTO THE EXISTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL'S PEDESTRIAN/BUS SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM

At the request of Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, I attended a meeting of the "WALKSAFE Task Force", focusing on the results of the *Pediatric Pedestrian Trauma Study*, conducted by the University of Miami, Ryder Trauma Center. As a result of this study, I am requesting the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of integrating the ideas and recommendations of the "WALKSAFE" program into the existing Miami-Dade County Public School's Pedestrian/School Bus Safety Education Program which was approved at the Board Meeting of September 13, 2000, and implemented through the Division of Life Skills and Special Projects, Physical Education Program. I am also recommending that a representative from the Parent Committee serve on the task force to ensure that elementary schools with the highest percentage of pedestrian injuries and fatalities, as detailed in the study, are targeted for curriculum infusion.

No local funds are required.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MR. FRANK J. COBO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of integrating the "WALKSAFE" Pedestrian Safety Program, developed by the University of Miami, Ryder Trauma Center, into the existing Miami-Dade County Public School's Pedestrian/Bus Safety Education Program.

No local funds are required.

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