

Mrs. Manty Sabates Morse, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THE SUPERINTENDENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES OF BOOSTER CLUBS THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Parent Booster Clubs provide a magnificent support mechanism for our public schools. Their membership consists of parents that are willing to donate countless hours to raise funds that help defray the costs of school projects.

Recently, it has come to my attention that Booster Clubs that support school clubs and sports teams are either charging fees or requiring participation in their fundraising activities as a condition for membership in the school organization(team). I have also been advised of fees being assessed against the students ranging from \$250.00 to a maximum of \$1,500.00 which students must either pay or fund raise. These excessive fees drive students away from the daunting cost of joining the clubs and their teams.

I am aware of the assistance and many fine things that parent booster organizations provide for our schools, but these independent school allied organizations should provide supplemental financial support and not be a requirement for students' participation.

Another concern brought to my attention involves the accounting procedures being used by these Booster Clubs. Funds collected in a required fashion from our students and their families should comply with all M-DCPS Internal Funds Accounting procedures.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MRS. MANTY SABATES MORSE:

That The School Board of Miami Dade County, direct the Superintendent of Schools to conduct a study on the membership provisions and accounting procedures, particularly at the secondary level, of all M-DCPS Booster Clubs.