

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE THE STATE-MANDATED ANNUAL "SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES" SELF ASSESSMENT FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

At its June 19, 2002 meeting, the Board approved amended Agenda Item A-2. Through this action the Board received the "Safety and Security Best Practices" self assessment completed by the District. The self assessment is mandated by the Florida Legislature to ensure every child a safe passage through Florida's education system.

By July 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, each school board must take action on the report findings and each superintendent must report the self-assessment results and school board action to the Commissioner of Education.

A copy of the "Safety and Security Best Practices" self assessment received by the Board at the June 19, 2002 meeting will be transmitted under separate cover and will be available for inspection in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. The good cause to vary from the agenda is that the Superintendent must report the School Board's action on the "Safety and Security Best Practices" self assessment to the Commissioner of Education by July 1, 2002.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve the "Safety and Security Best Practices" self assessment and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to report the self-assessment results and School Board action to the Commissioner of Education by July 1, 2002.

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