

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

**SUBJECT: IMPROVING SCHOOL SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS**

**COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES**

In the midst of cautious times, it is imperative that Miami-Dade Public Schools be prepared and ready to act during any type of crisis our community might endure. Equally as important, it is crucial that parents be informed on the measures that our schools will take to protect our schoolchildren during any critical incident and what steps parents should take during such incidents.

In August of 2001, the School Board adopted an extensive Critical Incident Response Plan, which details general emergency action plans for a variety of possible incidents.

It is requested that the Superintendent and the Chief of Police provide the School Board with a briefing on our state of preparedness as a school district.

Additionally, understanding the importance of parental involvement, it is requested that each school site administrator disseminate the pertinent details of their specific school emergency plans to parents at each school via a letter and information sheet. The district shall incur all printing costs, so as not to burden the school's operating (or discretionary) budget.

This information should include:

- Internal procedures taken during lock-down and evacuation scenarios for individual schools, provided that releasing them do not present a risk
- Recommended steps that parents should take during an emergency including pick up and drop off procedures
- District-wide measures taken during emergencies
- Resources available to parents in coping during emergencies and crises
- All pertinent emergency phone numbers

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MR. FRANK J. BOLAÑOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County direct the Superintendent and MDCPS Chief of Police to brief the School Board on our state of preparedness as a school district and that each school-site principal disseminate the pertinent details of their specific critical incident plans to parents at each school via a letter and information sheet during the next 30 days. The district will incur all printing costs.