

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

SUBJECT: CODE OF CONDUCT – GROUP SIX VIOLATIONS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

In order to maintain discipline in our schools and send a strong message that vandalism will not be tolerated, punishments prescribed in the Code of Student Conduct must fit the violations committed.

The severe act of vandalism that occurred at Coral Gables Senior High School is an example of acts that call for the toughest of punishments, considering their widespread nature, total cost of damage and the killing of live animals.

As discussed with the Superintendent by Board members present at the Education and School Operations Committee on July 13th, criminal acts such as these should be punishable within our Code of Student Conduct as Group VI violations and with the toughest sanctions, including expulsion and pursuing restitution.

It is recommended that this be considered as part of the current review of the Code of Student conduct being undertaken which will commence in September under the auspices of the Office of Alternative Education and Dropout Prevention.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. FRANK J. BOLANOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent and the Code of Student Conduct Review Committee to revise the Code of Student Conduct, including violations as described above as Group VI and punishable by the toughest sanctions including expulsion and pursuing restitution.