

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT AND THE SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY TO REVIEW CURRENT POLICY SET FORTH IN GUIDELINE #40 OF THE PROCEDURES FOR MAINTAINING AND PROMOTING A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IN LIGHT OF THE JESSICA LUNSFORD ACT AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Jessica Lunsford Act was recently enacted by the Florida Legislature in an effort to further safeguard the children of the State of Florida from sexual predators.

The Miami-Dade County Commission and other municipalities, including the City of Hialeah, have adopted procedures and/or resolutions to establish guidelines for sexual predators in their communities.

In light of this legislation, it is in the best interest of the children of Miami-Dade County for the Superintendent and the School Board Attorney to review Miami Dade County Public Schools' policy set forth in Guideline #40 found in the Procedures for Maintaining and Promoting a Safe Learning Environment, incorporated into Board Rule 6Gx13-5D-1.08, which addresses our responsibility to protect our students by assisting local law enforcement by disseminating information about sexual predators to parents.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County direct the Superintendent and the School Board Attorney to review current policy set forth in Guideline #40 in the Procedures for Maintaining and Promoting a Safe Learning Environment incorporated into Board Rule 6Gx13-5D-1.08, and report to the Board at its October 19, 2005 Meeting with recommendations, including whether to initiate rulemaking to amend the Board's policy.