

Frank J. Bolaños, Chairman

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PREPARATION & PROTOCOL

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS**

Preparing for emergencies, whether unforeseen random acts, or inevitable events of nature, is a matter that must always be a top priority for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. In addition to the concern for the health and safety of our school-children, pro-active planning by our school system affects individual and intergovernmental preparation and response plans for the region.

Thanks to the leadership of our professional staff, our school district has been able to act judiciously and cautiously to prepare for unforeseen emergencies and developed well-practiced plans for these events. Yet, the opportunity exists to better prepare and coordinate response plans for emergency events as they will affect the entire county or portions thereof.

This board item seeks to improve upon Board Rule 6Gx13-6A-1.06, Emergency Management Procedures and ensure that it is congruent with the needs and individual plans of all governments and response agencies. In the spirit of cooperation, it is presented after consultation with school system staff and various local elected officials, including Chairmen Joe Martinez of Miami-Dade County, Joe Sanchez of the City of Miami, Julio Robaina of the City of Hialeah and Mayors David Dermer of the City of Miami Beach and Shirley Gibson of the City of Miami Gardens.

Additionally, it is recommended that the School Board continue to lend support to the agencies responsible for emergency response and disaster relief. Such areas that should be defined clearly as policy are:

- Protocol for re-opening of school(s)
- Emergency operation of select school cafeterias for affected communities
- Providing fuel and ice for employees and families
- Distribution of water and pre-packaged food for affected communities
- Safe and open lines of communication with elected officials
- Emergency pay policies for part-time employees
- Emergency child care

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
CHAIRMAN BOLAÑOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to consult with all governmental bodies and response agencies and propose revisions by February 15th, to Board Rule 6Gx13-6A-1.06 to consider measures for:

1. Protocol for re-opening of school(s)
2. Emergency operation of select school cafeterias for affected communities
3. Providing fuel and ice for employees and families
4. Distribution of water and pre-packaged food for affected communities
5. Safe and open lines of communication with elected officials
6. Emergency pay policies for part-time employees
7. Emergency child care