

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: FINAL GRAND JURY REPORT -- JUSTICE INTERCEPTED: THE ALL CONSUMING POWER OF FOOTBALL**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT**

**STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY OF DECISION MAKING THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT**

The Grand Jury Report makes recommendations to the Miami Dade County Public School System and the nine School Board members, as elected officials from nine districts that comprise the entire county, are entrusted by the public as custodians of the schools. It is the responsibility of all nine members to heed these recommendations with the sincerity and seriousness that the facts in this case reveal.

Eighteen of the recommendations are action items that the School Board members can and should enact or try to enact to the spirit and letter that they are recommended. The 19<sup>th</sup> recommendation reads as follows:

***That the Department of Education perform a thorough and uncompromising investigation into action and inactions of the Miami Dade County Public School employees who were involved here and impose appropriate sanctions.***

This recommendation falls outside of the State Attorney's jurisdiction and requests that a subsequent investigation be performed by the Department of Education.

Our School Board members should take this recommendation with the seriousness that it is made and as a constitutional body request to the Department of Education that it act quickly to begin its investigation. This communication, if sent via a letter from the board adds gravitas to the plea and expresses our concern for students' safety.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, write a letter to the Department of Education requesting that the 19<sup>th</sup> recommendation, an investigation into the actions and inactions of M-DCPS employees, be implemented as quickly as possible.

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