

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO FINALIZE NEGOTIATIONS AND EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI-DADE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) TO JOINTLY DEVELOP A SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN ACCORDANCE WITH A \$25,000 GRANT AWARDED BY THE MPO FOR THIS PURPOSE

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Background

The School Board has been a proactive advocate of my initiatives to promote student pedestrian safety, and has endorsed participation in the International Walk Your Children To School Day and the Ryder Trauma Center's WalkSafe Program. Both programs were developed for primary and intermediate school-age children. The MPO has advised that there are currently no programs in Miami-Dade County focusing on the senior high school level. Recognizing this need, and acting in my role as the Board's representative on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), at the School Board meeting of November 21, 2006, I requested staff to explore ways to increase pedestrian safety awareness.

Update

As a result of various follow-up collaborative meetings with District departments and the MPO, the MPO Board approved a \$25,000 grant request to conduct a Senior High School Student Safety Campaign. Implementation of the proposed grant will be facilitated through an Interlocal Agreement between the District and MPO. The project consists of:

- developing a study advisory team comprised of representatives from the MPO, District, students and the Miami-Dade County Injury Prevention Coalition;
- reviewing crash data and safety reports to identify the high schools with the greatest pedestrian safety problems;

- developing a safety campaign that includes student-developed public service announcements, posters and peer-speakers; and
- implementation of the campaign through posters, videos and speakers at all high schools with pedestrian safety problems.

Proposed Interlocal Agreement

In order to ensure that these project dollars are earmarked directly to the program rather than outside consulting firms, the MPO and the District will jointly serve as the project managers. It is anticipated that the project will be completed within nine months from the execution of the Interlocal Agreement. The Interlocal Agreement will be reviewed by the School Board Attorney's Office and Office of Risk and Benefits Management prior to execution.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to finalize negotiations and execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization for the joint development of a Senior High School Student Safety Campaign in accordance with a \$25,000 grant awarded by the MPO for this purpose.