

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-38 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROMOTING A FREE CYBERSAFETY EDUCATION PRESENTATION TO EVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE SAFETY AND THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

According to current statistics, more than 77 million children regularly use the Internet. The Federal Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force says Florida ranks fourth in the nation in volume of child pornography. Nationally, one in seven children between the ages of ten and 17 have been solicited online by a sexual predator.

One of Attorney General Bill McCollum's top priorities in office is protecting children from internet child predators, including individuals who use the internet to sexually solicit children or engage in the creation and/or distribution of child pornography online.

To combat the growing threat of cybercrimes against children in our state, the Attorney General is urging the use of a free program titled CyberSafety Education. The program consists of a PowerPoint-based presentation, 50-minute program. The presentation includes a live presenter, on-screen graphics for the students to follow, and video clips with short stories and testimonials on real-life situations involving children victimized by online predators.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida Approve Resolution No. 09-38 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, promoting the Attorney General's CyberSafety Education Presentation to every middle school and high school in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-38
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROMOTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CYBERSAFETY EDUCATION
PRESENTATION TO EVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, according to current statistics, more than 77 million children regularly use the Internet. The Federal Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force says Florida ranks fourth in the nation in volume of child pornography; and

WHEREAS, nationally, one in seven children between the ages of ten and 17 have been solicited online by a sexual predator; and

WHEREAS, to combat the growing threat of cybercrimes against children in our state, the Attorney General is urging the use of a free program titled CyberSafety Education; and

WHEREAS, the program consists of a PowerPoint-based presentation, 50-minute program including a live presenter, on-screen graphics for the students to follow, and video clips with short stories and testimonials on real-life situations involving children victimized by online predators;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-38 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, promoting the Attorney General's CyberSafety Education Presentation to every middle school and high school in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this __ day of March, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary