

School Police and District Security
Charles J. Hurley, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH CITIZENS' CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, INC.

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Inc., is a community not-for-profit organization that provides services for our schools and students to help prevent and reduce crime in our schools and neighborhoods. The services with Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Inc. have been ongoing for 23 years.

At the School Board Meeting of October 14, 2009, the School Board approved Agenda Item H-8, proffered by School Board Vice-Chair Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, directing that the District resume funding for the 2009-10 school year to the Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami Dade County, Inc. for the Youth Crime Watch Program. The proposal also included the District seeking grant monies to meet the funding rate for replacement purposes. In the absence of available grant monies, the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department will fund the program from the general budget. The program supports the District's Anti-Bullying Initiative as well as the District's Strategic Framework that specifically addresses Crime Watch for students in our schools.

The Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Inc. will implement a curriculum for the Youth Crime Watch Program throughout Miami-Dade County public schools.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F1.021, reviewed this request at its February 25, 2010 meeting, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request For Proposals be granted based on specific expertise.

This item requests approval for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Inc. for the amount of \$71,000.

Appropriations are included in the General Fund of the 2009-10 budget under Fund 0100, Function 9100, Program 9082, Object 5310 and Location 9913.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, Requests for Proposals and Professional Services Contracts, for Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Inc., based on specific expertise; and
2. enter into a contractual agreement with Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Inc. for the amount of \$71,000 for listed services.