

Office of the School Board Members
Board Meeting of December 15, 2010

December 14, 2010

Ms. Raquel A. Regalado, Member

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
CONDUCT A STUDY OF CURRENT SCHOOL CROSSING
GUARD PROGRAMS AND PROVIDE A REPORT AT THE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2011**

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

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

Presently all of the Crossing Guards in our public school system are hired, paid and supervised by Miami-Dade County or the municipality in which the elementary school resides. As such, it is the municipalities or Miami-Dade County (in the case of unincorporated areas) that supervise and monitor the performance of school crossing guards, schedule and assign school crossing guard posts, conduct in-service training for school crossing guards, monitor schools on a daily basis to ensure adequate coverage at school sites and enforce safety procedures at school crossing locations. Therefore, it is the municipalities and/or Miami-Dade County (in the case of unincorporated areas) that are charged with assessing the need for crossing guards in our schools and determining the size and structure of their individual school crossing guard programs. This arrangement has created a disparity among schools in our district which we as a School Board have an obligation to address.

Furthermore, as School Board Members we are regularly contacted by parents, who rightfully assume, that we can address their concerns regarding school crossing guards. However we cannot, rather we can only tell them to contact the municipality or Miami-Dade County with their concerns. After all, it is the municipalities and Miami-Dade County (in the case of unincorporated areas) that investigate and respond to complaints from the public regarding school crossing guards.

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The current state of these individual crossing guard programs is further complicated by our inability to supervise which is especially concerning since for many parents their school crossing guard is the first and last face that they see when they drop off and pick up their children and in their minds, is a representative of the Miami-Dade County School System.

Since there are so many logistical questions which are presently outside of our jurisdiction, it is prudent to conduct a thorough review of current practice and provide a detailed report to the Board.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. RAQUEL A. REGALADO:**

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to conduct a study of current school crossing guard programs and provide a report at the School Board Meeting of February 9, 2011. } Revised