

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 nearly 25 years.

The program supports the District's Anti-Bullying Initiative as well as the District's Strategic Plan 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. Services will include the provision of crime prevention information and technical assistance for organizing Youth Crime Watch Clubs. They will enhance skills for students in crime prevention, reduce bullying as part of the District's Anti-Bullying Initiative, increase character education and provide additional crime prevention and anti-violence strategies as outlined in the District's Strategic Plan.

The agreement with the Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Inc. includes a program cost of \$71,000; significantly lowered last year as part of the District's reduction in costs initiative.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F1.021, reviewed this request at its January 20, 2011 meeting, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request For Proposals be granted as otherwise determined by the Committee.

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

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Inc. for the amount of \$71,000 for services from March 2011, through February 2012.
2. The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F1.021, reviewed this request at its January 20, 2011, meeting and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request For Proposals be granted as otherwise determined by the Committee.