

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO REVIEW EXISTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REPORTING OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

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

In light of recent reports of tragic events which led to the untimely passing of a Miami-Dade County student, School Board members expressed their desire during the March 3, 2011 School Board Committee meetings that the Miami-Dade County School District administration conduct a review of the District's policies and procedures concerning the reporting of child abuse and neglect in order to determine whether the policies and procedures should be modified to enhance and facilitate child abuse and neglect reporting.

Although it appears that the District's current policies and procedures concerning the reporting of child abuse and neglect are effective and comply with State mandates, our students' safety and welfare is of paramount importance. This item is presented for the Board's consideration in requesting that the Superintendent review and determine whether the existing child abuse and neglect reporting policies and procedures should be modified.

This item does not appear in the published Agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published Agenda as this matter stems from matters of great public importance that were raised by Board members after the Agenda was published at the School Board Committee meetings of March 3, 2011.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to review the District's current policies and procedures to ascertain whether they should be revised, if at all, to enhance and facilitate reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect by Miami-Dade School District personnel, and direct the Superintendent to report back to the Board with his recommendations, if any.

**GOOD CAUSE
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