

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

SUBJECT: PROHIBITING POLITICAL EVENTS IN MIAMI-DADE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

In recent weeks, the issue of the rental of district facilities to outside parties has generated significant discussion over the type of events that should be allowed to take place in our public schools.

As a result, I believe it is important that we clarify not only our policies, but our stance, as a Board, on the issue of renting public facilities for political campaign events. Public schools are not an appropriate venue for campaign politics. Schools are places for learning and ought to remain as such. We must have standards, both moral and ethical, to preserve the integrity of our learning institutions.

This proposed policy change is in the best interest of the Board, as it would clarify existing policy regarding facility rentals in M-DCPS, while strengthening parameters for the type of events that should be kept out of our schools.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures to amend School Board policy, as needed, to prohibit political events in Miami-Dade's public schools.