

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: STUDENT CONFIDENTIALITY

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY, & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

In Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) student safety has always been one of our most important priorities. Portable devices and social networking has led to increase interaction between students and their peers. M-DCPS needs to counter this rise especially when it comes to sensitive issues requiring confidentiality. While there is a focus on our pupils' physical safety it is also prudent that we give attention to the way our students communicate with our school officials.

There is a person assigned to be available to all students to speak confidentially about sensitive issues at every school. However, as it stands, at many of our schools the students can not identify that person; or worse, they are not aware that this resource exists.

Therefore, in order to encourage the use of these valuable professionals, a strategy should be developed to promote the availability and advantages of using this resource district wide.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to develop a strategy to promote the opportunities available to M-DCPS students to speak confidentially about sensitive matters at each school site.

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