

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: PG-RATED MOVIES

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

The film rating system of the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA) has existed for nearly 50 years as a tool to determine what movies are appropriate for children to watch and was designed to evolve according to changing times in the United States. As we know, G-rated movies are intended for all ages and are most notable for not including any sex and nudity, substance abuse, or violence; PG-rated movies recommend parental guidance as may contain mild strong language and some violence; the PG-13 rating came into effect in the fall of 1984 and strongly cautions that some material may not be suitable for children under 13.

In the last decade, the number of PG-rated movies made in the United States totalled approximately 1,164 while the total number of G-rated movies made within the same timeframe was only 314. Even Disney filmmakers are scarcely producing any G-rated movies now a days, and the reality is that most children under 13 years old are allowed by parents and/or guardians to watch PG, PG-13 and even R-rated movies during non-school hours.

Currently in our district, written parental permission is required to allow students under 13 years old to be shown movies rated PG. It is important to note that limiting our students to watching movies from three or four decades ago (when movie ratings were much stricter) during school hours prevents them from accessing instructional materials that will keep them up to date with our modern societies.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, through the Superintendent, determine best practices in allowing all students to view PG-rated films/videos for educational purposes without requiring written parental/guardian permission.