

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: FLAG RAISING PROTOCOL

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

In schools throughout the District there are flagpoles carrying the United States flag. In some cases, the flag of the United States is raised and lowered each and every day by students following proper protocol. In most instances, flags are left on flagpoles for the entire year, or a member of a school's staff is assigned the responsibility of raising, lowering and taking care of the flag in ways that are inconsistent.

A great opportunity exists for students at every school to learn how to raise, lower and fold the flag, and to learn what protocols to follow. In our District, a great number of ROTC programs are active at the senior high school level. High school students along with their advisers can play major roles in teaching fellow students in high school, and those in elementary, K-8 and middle schools about procedures and proper care.

Learning about the history of the flag and at what times the flag is flown at half-staff or other relevant facts can be quite beneficial to our students who otherwise may have little to no exposure regarding such protocols.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTIN KARP:

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

1. Review current processes regarding the raising, lowering and maintenance of the United States flag at each school; and,
2. Explore the implementation of a training program so each school has designated students responsible for the proper use and maintenance of the United States flag; and,
3. Provide a response by the February, 2017 School Board meeting.