

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

Co-Sponsor: Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member } Added

**SUBJECT: COUNTYWIDE YOUTH SAFETY ROUNDTABLE WITH GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

In 2013, soon after the fatal shooting of young students and teachers at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade County Public Schools formed the Joint Roundtable on Youth Safety. The roundtable engaged 34 municipalities within Miami-Dade County and employed an approach that engaged the community as a whole, while also honing in on specific areas of the County that faced chronic gun violence.

The Roundtable issued a report with recommendations concerning in-school safety, out-of-school safety, youth services and community education. Such recommendations included: increased police visibility at schools, school cameras with live streaming capabilities, crime deterrence efforts through environmental design, enhancement of public awareness of existing crime prevention/reporting programs and increased student access to behavioral/mental health services and referrals.

Although progress has been made from the recommendations issued in the report by local governments, the Joint Roundtable on Youth Safety has not met in five years. As a result of the recent mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas Senior High School, it is imperative to reconvene the Joint Roundtable on Youth Safety, inclusive of all 34 municipalities, as the community works together to ensure that our children and schools are safe.

This item has been reviewed by the School Board Attorney's Office and approved for legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**LUBBY NAVARRO:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County authorize the Superintendent to collaborate with Miami-Dade County and all 34 municipalities to reconvene the Joint Roundtable on Youth Safety.