

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: STOP THE BLEED TRAINING PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

The Stop the Bleed Program was established in the aftermath of the tragic active shooter disaster on December 14, 2012, at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newton, Connecticut (CT). In April 2013, a group known as the Joint Committee to Create a National Policy to Enhance Survivability from Active Shooter Events and Intentional Mass Casualty was convened by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) in collaboration with others in the medical community and representatives from the federal government, the National Security Council, the U. S. military, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and governmental and nongovernmental emergency medical response organizations, among others. Together, they created a protocol for national policy to enhance survivability from active shooter and intentional mass casualty events. The group was formed under the guidance and leadership of trauma surgeon Lenworth M. Jacobs, Jr., MD, MPH, FACS, who today leads the ACS Stop the Bleed Program and also serves as director of the Trauma Institute at Hartford Hospital, CT.

Among the Hartford Consensus' recommendations was one calling for professional first responders to be trained and empowered to stop life-threatening external bleeding. Another of its recommendations, and one that was also embraced by the White House at the time, went one step further and called for training immediate responders, those individuals who are present at the scene who can immediately control bleeding with their hands and equipment that may be available.

In October 2015, responding to the Hartford Consensus' recommendations that the public be trained, the White House launched the Stop the Bleed national awareness campaign with a call to action. Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. During intentional mass-casualty events, those present at the point of wounding have often proven invaluable in responding to the initial hemorrhage control needs of the wounded. These present responders should not be considered passive observers and can provide effective lifesaving first-line treatment.

Nicklaus Children's Hospital has established a Stop the Bleed taskforce to implement training within the Miami-Dade County community. The hospital has mobilized their school nurses who have recently been trained as instructors to maximize training efforts. Nicklaus Children's Hospital is committed to provide Stop the Bleed trainings to Miami Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) staff. They have expressed an interest and commitment to training two staff members per school at designated locations in the North, Central, and South regions. Trainings consist of one-hour sessions, with a limit of 15 staff members per session; anticipating approximately 900 M-DCPS employees to participate in the training program. In addition to the hands-on training, Nicklaus Children's Hospital will provide practical tips and identify everyday items that can be utilized when limited medical supplies are available. Additionally, the hospital is also willing to commit to provide consultative services for questions and concerns of the staff, as requested.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools to explore the feasibility of collaborating with Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami, Florida to implement the Stop the Bleed Training Program, at no cost to the district, during the 2018-2019 school year and report back to the Board by September 5, 2018.