

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

SUBJECT: CHILD SAFE KITS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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Miami-Dade County Public Schools is dedicated to the safety of our students, both inside and outside of the classroom. The safety of our children is on our minds more than ever and we can never do too much to protect our children.

Recent reports show that in the United States, an estimated 800,000 children are reported missing every year. There are several types of missing children including runaway, family abductions, lost, and non-family abductions.

Designed to help keep our children safe, the Child Safe kit gives parents the opportunity to keep their child's identifying data on record through fingerprints, photographs and other vital information. In the unthinkable case that a child may go missing, parents are able to immediately provide essential information to the appropriate authorities.

Endorsed and sponsored by the Internal Union of Police Associations, American Federation of Teachers, and the American Federation of School Administrators, American Income Life is working with schools, child care facilities and youth organizations across the United States to provide families with Child Safe kits at no cost.

The safety and protection of our students is one of the most important commitments of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. As such, it would be beneficial for us to explore the feasibility of distributing Child Safe kits throughout the District as a way of adding an extra level of safety for our students.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of distributing Child Safe kits throughout the District and report back to the Board by the November 20, 2019 School Board Meeting.