

Miami-Dade Schools Police Department
Edwin Lopez, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND CITIZEN'S CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, INC.

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual services agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Citizen's Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Inc. (CCW). CCW is a non-profit organization that has provided services for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and students for nearly 35 years. The services they provide include teaching students to utilize proactive measures to prevent and reduce crime in our schools and surrounding community. The program specific to the students of M-DCPS is the Youth Crime Watch (YCW), which encourages positive peer pressure among students to report crime, change attitudes, and take pride in their schools through a series of crime prevention training projects.

The Crime Watch program supports the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative, Being Drug Free, and the Safe, Healthy and Supportive Learning Environment pillar of the District's Strategic Blueprint.

CCW will implement curriculum for the YCW Program throughout M-DCPS, as well as provide crime prevention information and technical assistance for organizing Youth Crime Watch Clubs. These services are aligned with the District's character education efforts and violence prevention strategies implemented throughout schools in the District.

The agreement between the School Board and CCW includes a program cost of \$71,000, which is the same cost as previous years. The term of this contract shall be for one (1) year, beginning September 1, 2020 and ending on August 31, 2021. Quarterly payments shall be based on the performance of specified deliverables as noted in the terms of the contract. The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund through Miami-Dade Schools Police Department.

In accordance with School Board Policy 6320, Purchasing, the agreement with CCW is exempt from the competitive solicitation process under the educational services exception.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual services agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Citizen's Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Inc., in an amount of \$71,000.