

School Police and District Security
Edwin Lopez, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR 2020-2021 TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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Section 1006.07(6), Florida Statutes, requires school districts to conduct an annual self-assessment using the Office of Program Policy and Analysis and Government Accountability School Safety and Security Best Practices. The Florida Department of Education has established the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) to provide a secure, online risk assessment portal for completing these assessments.

On March 9, 2018, Governor Rick Scott signed the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act into law. This Act requires school districts to complete the School Security Risk Assessment as the primary physical site security assessment tool at each school district and public-school site in the state, in accordance with the newly created section 1006.1493, Florida Statutes. In addition, an aggregated report on School Security Risk Assessment findings shall be drafted to provide recommendations to improve school safety and security.

These reports and all associated information are classified as For Official Use Only and are protected from public disclosure under s. 281.301 F.S. and exempt from public records requests under s. 119.071 (2) (d) F.S.

The completed report will be forwarded to the Board prior to the Board Meeting of October 21, 2020.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the submission of the School Districts Safety and Security Best Practices Self-Assessment for 2020-2021 to the Florida Department of Education.