

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF POSTING HOAX THREATS TO SCHOOLS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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

On May 23, 2018 the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced a campaign to educate the public on the consequences of posting hoax threats to schools and other public places. The campaign is meant to remind communities that hoax threats are a serious crime.

The FBI and their partners follow up on every tip they receive from the public and analyze and investigate all threats to determine their credibility. Federal, state, and local law enforcement then employ a full range of tools to mitigate those threats that are deemed credible. Consequently, making false threats drains law enforcement resources and cost taxpayers money.

Moreover, when an investigation concludes and it is deemed a false or hoax threat made to a school or another public place, a federal charge could be considered, which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison; if a federal charge is not warranted, state charges can be considered.

In light of the recent tragic shootings at Santa Fe High School in Texas and Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, this item seeks to endorse the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Education Campaign on the consequences of posting hoax threats to schools and other public places.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**LUBBY NAVARRO:** That The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida Endorse The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Education Campaign on the Consequences of Posting Hoax Threats to Schools and Other Public Places.