

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of April 18, 2001

April 16, 2001

Mrs. Manty Sabatés Morse, Member

SUBJECT: INCREASE RANDOM METAL DETECTOR SEARCH PROGRAM

Violent incidents involving firearms and other weapons of violence have been unfortunately too frequent over the past few years. From urban metropolitan areas to suburban locations to peaceful rural settings, our schools have witnessed terrible crimes perpetrated against our teachers and students.

Fortunately, Miami Dade County Public Schools has not experienced any such violence since a school bus was hijacked by an armed individual several years ago. Since 1998, our school system has been providing metal detector searches in every one of our 53 middle and 33 high schools.

However, as we never know when or where such a tragic incident is going to occur, we should increase the number of random checks, as well as explore new methods to prevent an outbreak of this type of incident.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MRS. MANTY SABATÉS MORSE:**

That The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to increase the metal detector program to include more random checks, as well as explore new methods of prevention.

**REPLACEMENT
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