

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ALLOW DISTRIBUTION OF VICTORY FOR YOUTH EMERGENCY SMART
CARDS TO STUDENTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Victory for Youth, the organization which sponsors Victory Day, has developed an emergency telephone card for students which will enable them to call any listed key emergency or help lines without charge in Miami-Dade County. Participating organizations include Switchboard of Miami, Florida Department of Children and Families, Florida Department of Health, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Florida Department of Transportation. In addition, the card will enable students to have free three to five minutes nationwide emergency access to their homes or local agencies, if they are runaways or have been kidnapped or abducted.

The emergency telephone card is rechargeable and is a powerful tool to students that find themselves in a critical situation.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools will have no liability or other responsibility for the development of the card except to distribute it to students during homeroom. Victory for Youth, will indemnify and hold harmless The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for any liabilities associated with this effort, and provide proof of General Liability Insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to allow distribution of Victory for Youth Emergency Smart Cards to students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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