Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of February 13, 2002

January 30, 2002

Mrs. Manty Sabatés Morse, Member

SUBJECT: INSTRUCT THE SUPERINTENDENT ALONG WITH MDCPS POLICE CHIEF TO REVIEW POLICE DISCONTINUING OVERTIME PAY AND WEEKEND PATROL AND DETERMINE ITS COST-EFFECTIVENESS IN LIGHT OF RECENT ACTS OF VANDALISM AT SCHOOLS AFTER-**HOURS AND ON WEEKENDS**

Recent budget cutbacks have forced our Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police to discontinue overtime pay and weekend patrol of our more than 340 schools throughout the district.

Since adoption of this policy, there have been a substantial number of violent incidents against our schools during off-hours on weekdays as well as during weekends. These incidents involve hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages and stolen properties for our school system.

That is why it would be advisable to conduct a cost-effective review of the newly-instituted policy discontinuing overtime and weekend patrol.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MANTY SABATÉS MORSE:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County instruct the Superintendent and the Chief of School Police to conduct a review of the new policy and determine if it is cost-effective for the district.