

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

**SUBJECT: FIRE SAFETY DEFICIENCIES**

The safety of our children while in school is of utmost priority in their education.

Since March of 2001, the School Board of Miami-Dade County has been receiving regular reports on the progress of fire safety corrections following an allocation of \$30 million to address violations. Yet, to date, over 44,000 violations still exist, endangering our children.

The School Board has a responsibility to have a detailed and accurate account of the current status of these deficiencies and progress made to date in order to evaluate its current policies as well as budget authority provided for corrections.

This item was discussed at the Board meeting of February 12 and presentations were made by staff and officials from the Miami-Dade Fire Department in advance of a detailed, comprehensive report.

It is recommended that the School Board direct the Superintendent to reach compliance with the most serious of corrections within the next 90 days. If the district is unable to satisfy the most serious corrections with existing personnel, resources or contracts, outsourcing and additional budget authority should be requested of the board.

The following should be a timetable for implementation:

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May 12, 2003	Group 2 tier of serious violations
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**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MR. FRANK J. BOLAÑOS:**

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