

Dr. Marta Perez, Member

SUBJECT: DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO 1) DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION TO INSPECT PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED SOFFITS AND CERTIFY THAT THEY WERE APPROPRIATELY INSTALLED, AND 2) AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN HOLDING THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY (IES) ACCOUNTABLE

During the weekend of October 11-12, 2003, a soffit located in the Media Room of Southwest Senior High School collapsed crushing furniture and equipment. Fortunately, this occurred on a weekend while the building was not occupied and no injuries resulted.

This Board is responsible for providing a safe learning environment for the children of our community. In this case, we can assure the public that a similar incident does not happen again. This item requests that the Board direct the Superintendent to develop a plan of action to inspect previously installed soffits and assure that they were properly installed, and requests that the Superintendent be authorized to take appropriate action in holding the responsible party(ies) accountable.

This item does not appear on the published agenda. Good cause exists to vary from the published agenda due to the safety-to-life concerns involved.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PEREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. direct the Superintendent to develop a plan of action to inspect previously installed soffits and certify that they were properly installed; and,
2. authorize the Superintendent to take appropriate action in holding the responsible party(ies) accountable.

**GOOD CAUSE
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