

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDING**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY, & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STUDENT SAFETY AND THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**

In the April Board meeting, funding to the Citizen's Crime Watch of Miami-Dade was cut unjustly. The Citizen's Crime Watch of Miami-Dade has already provided over half of the contracted services for which they were contracted by Miami-Dade County Public Schools to perform, and have not received compensation for services rendered.

Therefore, to deny this organization the necessary contractually agreed funding for the services they have provided is completely unjust. Furthermore, it is unconscionable that the Miami-Dade School Board would cut funding to public safety. The substance as well as the foundation of building strong community relations skills is through meaningful partnerships with community stakeholders such as the Citizen's Crime Watch of Miami-Dade that have invested in the core of our educational mission of building men and women of character through programs such as Youth Crime Watch. In response, it is the duty of this board to place the safety of our students, and school sites as a top priority by reestablishing funding of the Citizen's Crime Watch of Miami-Dade.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA:** The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, directs the superintendent to disburse funds for the purposes of funding the Citizen's Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County for the full amount of services rendered to Miami-Dade County Public Schools during the 2007-2008 school year.

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