

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO PRODUCE A COST-NEUTRAL PRESENTATION EXPLAINING GENERAL SCHOOL LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES TO BE POSTED TO THE DISTRICT'S PARENT PORTAL**

**COMMITTEE:               SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

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

Ensuring that parents are informed about safety and security procedures in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is paramount. In the event of a school lockdown, there are established procedures that schools must implement to ensure the safety of students and staff. The M-DCPS Parent Portal is an ideal communications vehicle to provide information to parents about lockdown procedures for schools. Currently, the M-DCPS Parent Portal provides parents with updated information pertaining to grades, testing, attendance, and other useful information. Parents would welcome an added component that provides information about school lockdown procedures. School lockdowns are utilized in response to an immediate threat posed to students and staff. Schools have successfully performed lockdowns in response to police activity adjacent to the school facility and potential intruders on site.

Building awareness among parents about safety and security in our schools is critical to establishing calm in emergency situations. It is important to reassure parents that the District takes every precaution to secure schools and classrooms when an emergency occurs. Also, a fully informed parent can be a resource in helping to control rumors and to assist in the dissemination of accurate information. A presentation informing parents about established school lockdown procedures posted to the District's Parent Portal can serve to reassure parents of their child's safety.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to produce a cost-neutral presentation explaining general school lockdown procedures to be posted to the District's Parent Portal.