

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTINUE TO APPROVE FUNDING TO THE CITIZENS' CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE YOUTH CRIME WATCH PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVED SAFETY THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT BY IMPLEMENTING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

During the 2008-2009 school year, Youth Crime Watch (YCW) of Miami-Dade County served approximately 37,000 students with crime prevention presentations, safety projects, club meetings, assemblies, rallies and special events on topics such as reporting crimes, school safety, school violence, bullying and cyberbullying, sexting, personal safety, drug prevention, gun prevention and more. The primary mission of YCW is to provide our students with the training and skills necessary to assist in preventing crime at their schools by educating their peers on safety topics and by anonymously reporting threats and warning signs that might lead to criminal activity.

Our mission to provide students with quality education depends to a great extent on having a safe learning environment in which they can best achieve academic success. The Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County has aided our schools for many years to lower crime rates and achieve safer school environments.

This agenda item proposes that the District resume funding, for the 2009-2010 school year, to the Youth Crime Watch Program and to seek grant monies to meet the funding amount.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

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

1. resume funding for the 2009-2010 school year to the Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County for the Youth Crime Watch Program; and
2. seek grant monies to meet the funding rate for replacement purposes.