

Office of School Board Members  
Board Meeting of August 1, 2012

July 31, 2012

Mr. Renier S. Diaz De La Portilla, Board Member

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**SUBJECT: REVISE POLICIES TO PROHIBIT POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS  
ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

In recent weeks, rental of school district facilities by outside parties has generated discussion over the types of events that should be allowed during non-school hours in our public schools.

As a result, it is important to clarify School Board policies regarding the rental of school facilities in order to ensure that the Board is not perceived as advocating in favor of, or supporting the activities of one particular group or another. This is particularly important when school facilities are rented by political campaigns for the specific purpose of hosting events or advocating for candidates in political races. Because of this misperception, the holding of an event in our schools, solely to advance a political campaign, as defined by the Florida Election Code, should not be permitted.

The purpose of this item is for the Board to amend its Policies, as may be permitted by law, to clarify that the rental of school district facilities for the purpose of holding an event as part of a political campaign is not permitted on school grounds.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Policies to prohibit the rental of school facilities for a political campaign.

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