

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT: WATER SAFETY**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

On June 9, 2013, the Quintana-Cedeno family suffered unimaginable tragedy – they lost their beloved 5-year old Kyan in a drowning accident. Kyan’s Kause Foundation was established in his memory to raise awareness of the importance of water safety in our community.

Miami-Dade County is home to thousands of swimming pools in homes and apartment buildings, has hundreds of miles of beaches, and numerous waterways and canals dot the landscape. Children are vulnerable to drowning accidents in spite of precautions taken by responsible adults.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is in a position to provide an invaluable service to our community and the safety of our children. Through collaborative efforts with local governmental and non-profit agencies, we should collectively pool our resources to reach our youngest and most vulnerable little swimmers and teach them the swimming skills necessary to save their lives.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request the Superintendent to seek partnerships with local governments and organizations to provide swimming and water safety skills to our kindergarten students.