

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: CREATE OPTIMAL ANONYMOUS REPORTING SYSTEM FOR
HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS**

COMMITTEE: ACADEMIC, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

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

As part of our District's Digital Convergence Plan, as of September 2014 Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) students were provided the capability to bring their own computing/network devices to school through the Bring Your Own Device program; and though their participation in this program is not required, students are highly encouraged to do so by bringing their laptops, tablets, iPads, etc., for use during school hours to optimize their learning experience through better interaction with our educators and as long as they adhere to the District's codes of student conduct and social media policy.

On February 2006, Operation SCRUB Plus was created to allow M-DCPS administrative staff to report District facilities sanitation concerns and on April 2013, this resource was made available on our District website to also allow students, parents, staff and the community to report anonymously any health and/or sanitation concerns at schools or other District sites via a weblink and/or hotline.

Similarly, our M-DCPS police provides an anonymous reporting system for school safety concerns that may be accessed via texting, weblinks, and phone support and drop boxes that have been placed at school sites.

These reporting systems, however, did not prevent anonymous photos of one of our schools from recently going viral on the Web showing alleged moldy juice from the cafeteria, a cockroach in a bathroom and dirty water from water fountains. Now that our students have more access to wireless devices during and after school hours, it is imperative to provide them with an easily accessible M-DCPS resource via which they can anonymously report concerns about health and public safety as an alternative to posting on social media.

To this end, this item requests that we explore how to provide our students with an optimal reporting system via which they can submit information related to health and public safety and that we establish who is going to be responsible for receiving, reviewing and following up on these submissions.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:**

That The School Board Of Miami-Dade County, Florida, through the Superintendent, explore how to provide our students with an easily accessible reporting system via which they can submit health and public safety information, adhering to the District's codes of student conduct and social media policy; and establish appropriate staffing to receive, review and follow up on these submissions.