

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: ENDORSE THE CITY OF MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT'S, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICE DEPARTMENT'S, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ONGOING EFFORTS TOWARDS PROTECTING OUR YOUTH BY RAISING AWARENESS OF FENTANYL AND OTHER DANGEROUS NARCOTICS**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

On June 23, 2017, a 10 year-old boy was pronounced dead at Jackson Memorial Hospital, due to a fentanyl overdose. He is the youngest reported victim affected by the lethal drug. The effects of fentanyl on the body can be severely harmful, fatal, and usually ends with respiratory failure. Due to this incident in Miami-Dade County, it is imperative that we strengthen awareness of dangerous narcotics and increase our efforts of educating our youth on fentanyl.

At a recent news conference for the case of the 10 year-old boy, Miami Police Chief Rodolfo Llanes announced that City of Miami Police Department is reinforcing their awareness campaign that was established in September 2016. The City of Miami Police Department plans to expose young children in elementary schools to the topic of drug safety and the dangers of substance abuse. Additionally, in light of the recent tragedy, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Police Department will establish new ways to educate the public for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. For instance, they will alter their drug presentations to include fentanyl and will be informing parents of the dangers of the drug.

It is imperative that the City Of Miami Police Department's, M-DCPS Police Department's, Miami-Dade County Police Department's and other municipalities police department's join forces to work cooperatively to educate youth about the dangers of narcotics to prevent this incident from reoccurring in our neighborhoods.

This item seeks to endorse and promote the efforts of the City of Miami Police Department's collaboration with the District, Miami-Dade County and other municipalities on promoting awareness amongst the youth of fentanyl and dangerous narcotics in order to prevent the risk of tragedies in the case of exposure amongst young children.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the City Of Miami Police Department's, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Department's, Miami-Dade County Police Department's and other municipalities police department's ongoing efforts towards protecting our youth by raising awareness of fentanyl and other dangerous narcotics.