

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BUS STOP SAFETY

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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Student safety, both inside and outside the classroom, is a priority to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). School buses are one of the methods of transportation allowing students to go to, and from, school safely. Recently, there have been reported incidents of motorists neglecting the school bus stop signs, as school buses stop to pick up students and students disembark from their assigned bus stop locations, placing the student in harm's way. Section 316.172(1)(a), Florida Statutes, provides in pertinent part that: "Any person using, operating, or driving a vehicle on or over the roads or highways of this state shall, upon approaching any school bus which displays a stop signal, bring such vehicle to a full stop while the bus is stopped, and the vehicle shall not pass the school bus until the signal has been withdrawn."

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Due to recent incidents in our community, it is imperative that we partner with the Miami-Dade Police Department to establish an educational awareness campaign that would include student participation. Therefore, this item requests the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Department partnering with the Miami-Dade Police Department, the League of Cities, and the Transportation Planning Organization, on an awareness education campaign on school bus stop safety and report back to the board by May 2019.

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This Item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorneys' Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

LUBBY NAVARRO:

That The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida, request the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Department partnering with:

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- 1) the Miami-Dade Police Department, the League of Cities, and the Transportation Planning Organization on an awareness education campaign that would include student participation on school bus stop safety; and
- 2) report back to the board by May 2019.

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