

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: STUDENT/PARENT CAMPAIGN – THE ILLEGAL MANUFACTURE, POSSESSION, OR DISPLAY OF FAKE IDENTIFICATION CARDS (IDS) PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 322.212.

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY, & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

It is not an unusual but unquestionably a regrettable practice for underage young adults to be in possession and present fake identification (IDs) to try to access admission into a club, or a bar, or to try to purchase alcohol or cigarettes. In an attempt to crack down on individuals who manufacture fake IDs as well as the amount of underage people getting into adult establishments or purchasing alcohol, the State of Florida created rigid rules concerning the unlawful acts associated to the possession and presentation of fraudulent cards.

Florida Statute 322.212 delineates that “it is unlawful for any person to knowingly have in his or her possession or to display any blank, forged, stolen, fictitious, counterfeit, or unlawfully issued driver license or identification card or any instrument in the similitude of a driver license or identification card.” The statute further states that “any person who violates any of the provisions is guilty of a felony of the third degree.” Most offenses related to fake IDs are third-degree felonies, which may carry potential penalties of five years’ imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine.

It is of utmost importance for young adults and their parents to be fully aware of the provisions delineated in Florida Statute 322.212. Students who possess these fake IDs, if caught, can have their lives transformed and many of their future activities, including college admission, can be jeopardized because of these actions. Therefore, this agenda item directs the Superintendent of Schools to initiate a student/parent campaign to inform underage young adults and their parents of the consequences and actions that may impact their lives if they are in violation of Florida Statute 322.12.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney’s office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent of Schools to initiate a student/parent campaign to inform underage young adults and their parents of the consequences and actions that may impact their lives if they are found to be in violation of Florida Statute 322.12., and to provide a report to the Board by March 2, 2022.