

Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Board Member

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SUBJECT: FIRE RESCUE AT SPORTS EVENTS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

On Friday, August 18, 2023, during a high school football game between Miami Booker T. Washington Senior High School and Plantation American Heritage School a player suffered a medical emergency during the first quarter. As a result, the game halted and then cancelled.

Medical staff including a Baptist Medical Doctor and athletic trainers were on-sight and responded immediately to the player who had collapsed on the sideline and administered CPR. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue responded to the incident and eventually transported the player via ambulance to the hospital.

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With the unpredictable nature of accidents and health emergencies, having a rescue vehicle stationed at sporting events can provide immediate medical attention if the need arises. This proactive approach ensures that any potential injuries or medical incidents are addressed swiftly and efficiently.

Local municipalities and Miami-Dade County have fire departments, emergency response personnel and emergency response vehicles capable of providing more prompt emergency attention if they attend District athletic events and park their emergency response vehicles at the District athletic events. The emergency response vehicles can be parked at District athletic events at no cost or at a “nominal cost” (defined as an amount not to exceed one dollar) to the District, the County and to the local municipalities. By partnering with local municipalities and Miami-Dade County, the District can leverage their expertise of the emergency response personnel and equipment in the event of a medical emergency. As such, the District can create a comprehensive plan that ensures the presence of a fully equipped emergency response vehicle and trained medical personnel at District sporting events, at no cost or normal cost to the District. This collaboration would not only enhance the safety of our players but also demonstrate our commitment to the overall well-being of our community.

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This Board item seeks to request that the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with the Greater Miami Athletic Conference to explore potentially partnering with local municipalities and Miami-Dade County to have an emergency rescue vehicle stationed at District sporting events that can provide immediate medical attention along with our medical personnel and athletic trainers, at no cost or at a nominal cost to the District.

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This item has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. ROBERTO J. ALONSO:**

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with the Greater Miami Athletic Conference to:

1. Explore the feasibility of identifying, and/or establishing, partnerships with local municipalities and Miami-Dade County to have an emergency response vehicle at District sporting events;
2. If deemed feasible and appropriate, enter into a memorandum of understanding with the necessary parties at either no cost to the District or at a nominal cost (defined as an amount not to exceed one dollar); and
3. Report preliminary findings to the School Board concerning options for affirming partnerships with local municipalities and Miami-Dade County at all sporting events as soon as practicable, but no later than September 15, 2023.

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