

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

SUBJECT: PARENTAL AND STUDENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS INITIATIVES, ALIGNED WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULED EVENTS AND RELATED ANCILLARY ACTIVITIES IN 2026

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Miami-Dade County is scheduled to host several national and international events in 2026, prompting heightened concern regarding the potential increase in human trafficking activity. The county's capacity to manage large crowds and mitigate related public safety risks is always under scrutiny. Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies are expected to support event security efforts and assist in preventing human trafficking.

The Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office has taken an active role in combating human trafficking through public education initiatives aimed at increasing awareness of trafficking indicators and reporting mechanisms. In addition, the office has participated in targeted undercover operations that have led to the arrest and prosecution of trafficking offenders, demonstrating a coordinated, multi-agency approach to addressing this issue.

In addition to law enforcement and prosecutorial efforts, increasing awareness among parents and students is critical to preventing human trafficking during these large-scale events and related ancillary activities. Educational outreach initiatives should focus on helping families and young people recognize common trafficking tactics, understand risk factors associated with high-traffic environments, and know how to report suspicious behavior. Empowering parents and students with this knowledge enhance community vigilance and serves as a vital layer of prevention, complementing enforcement efforts and strengthening overall public safety during both primary events and associated supportive events throughout the county.

Collectively, these proactive prevention, enforcement, and prosecution efforts reflect Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in collaboration with the State Attorney's Office, strong commitment to safeguarding the community and ensuring the safety and well-being of all individuals attending these high-profile events.

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

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent of Schools to implement a parental and student human trafficking awareness campaign, in collaboration with Miami-Dade's State Attorney's Office, aligned with Miami-Dade County's national and international scheduled events and related ancillary activities in 2026, and provide a report to the Board by March 11, 2026.