

1 as approved in 2017-13, but adding new priorities recognized as critical
2 by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, through the Miami-Dade
3 County Public School Board as follows:
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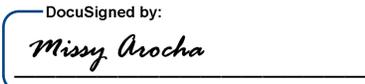
5 Revised item H1-as created/approved by the Miami-Dade County
6 School Board on February 21, 2018, modify the Board's Legislative
7 Priorities at both the State and Federal levels to include the urgent
8 request for funding to enhance school and student safety
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10 **Section 3:** The above whereas clauses are incorporated by
11 reference.
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13 **Section 4.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon
14 approval.
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16 **Section 5.** The Village Clerk shall provide executed copies of this
17 Resolution to all Federal, State, County and Miami-Dade County School
18 Board Partners.
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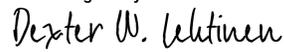
20 **PASSED and ADOPTED** this 21st day of February, 2018.
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26 Missy Arocha
27 Village Clerk



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Eugene Flinn
Mayor

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29 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE
30 USE AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY ONLY:
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37 Village Attorney
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2 **FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:**
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4 Council Member Karyn Cunningham YES
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6 Council Member David Singer YES
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8 Council Member Larissa Siegel Lara YES
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10 Vice-Mayor John DuBois YES
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12 Mayor Eugene Flinn YES

M E M O R A N D U M

February 19, 2018

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: DEPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The issue of school security and student safety is in the forefront of everyone's thoughts. As I am sure you are aware, parents and students alike have been reaching out to communicate their suggestions and concerns. We are all too aware of the atmosphere of uncertainty and we will continue to address each concern as it raised. Earlier this evening a conference call was held with members of Cabinet where a number of safety protocols were laid out for the coming week. Beginning immediately, teachers will be instructed to lock their classrooms during the school day so that anyone seeking to gain entry will be required to have a key or to knock. Further, effective immediately, all school security personnel supervision will be enhanced, new and strict directives related to performance have been issued, and all will be required to wear a recognizable uniform, without exception, in order to increase visibility.

In addition, a multipronged system of safeguards is being deployed with implementation to begin as soon as possible. Some facets of this system include: requiring all students and personnel in secondary schools to have and display identification badges, implementing a reduction in the points of entry to school sites for both employees and students, ensuring redundant and failsafe notification mechanisms for critical incidents, as well as a number of other strategic security measures. We are also joining with other stakeholders in seeking resources from state and federal sources to augment our program of school safety.

As the week begins, there is no doubt that students will have the tragedy of Stoneman Douglas High School on their minds. Counselors and faculty members remain available to help students process these events. Finally, we recognize that many in the community and the media have opinions regarding the safety of schools and how best to secure them. We recognize that people of good intentions and good will want to offer suggestions and engage in dialogue about what should have been done, what could have done, and what comes next; however, what we know for certain is that uncertainty and multiple opinions regarding this subject only serves to increase the stress level for students and teachers. The coming weeks will be difficult. We understand that expecting children to focus on academics as usual will be a challenge, but as the adults, as the educators, it is our role to help them feel safe and secure in their learning environment. Rest assured that we are focused on this task and will continue to keep the Board, parents, and the community informed as we deploy addition safety procedures.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Dr. Daniel Tosado, Chief of Staff, Office of the Superintendent, at 305 995 1206.

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cc: School Board Attorney
Superintendent's Cabinet

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of February 21, 2018

February 14, 2018

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH RESPONDING TO CRITICAL INCIDENTS AT SCHOOL SITES, AMEND STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES TO INCLUDE URGENT LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS FOR FUNDING TO ENHANCE SCHOOL AND STUDENT SAFETY, AND COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

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COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

A top priority for Miami-Dade County Public Schools is the safety and security of our students, faculty, and staff. As such, procedures should be clearly defined for school site administrators, region and district staff, mental health service professionals, and school resource officers to properly assess critical incidents at school sites, particularly involving students, the necessary and immediate services to properly respond to these incidents, and any follow up activities.

In light of the tragedy that occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas Senior High School, as well as the other mass shootings that have occurred around the country at an alarming rate, it is clear that additional resources are necessary to enhance school safety. Currently, M-DCPS spends approximately \$50 million in safety and security but receives less than \$10 million for this purpose in legislative allocations. We currently fund school police, but there is a need for additional officers. We have made capital investments in security technology but the need is greater to cover 45 million square feet of space. We have focused on efforts to identify and direct students to counseling, but there is a need for more mental health professionals in our schools. Finally, as we know, the safety of youth within our community cannot be the exclusive responsibility of the School Board. As we have in the past, we must call upon the resources across our community to assist us, particularly through the leveraging of police resources that could provide enhanced visibility around our schools.

Revised

So while it is always prudent to examine current practices, which this item requests the Superintendent do, it is also the intent of this item that we, as the School Board, amend our State and Federal Legislative priorities to include an urgent request for funding targeted at safety, security, and infrastructure enhancements, as well as recurring funding for licensed mental health personnel in schools, along with training to identify troubled youth. Finally, this item recommends we request the County and local municipalities collaborate with M-DCPS to provide an ongoing additional law enforcement presence around local school facilities, as possible.

REVISED

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida,

1. request that the Superintendent to review protocol and procedures associated with responding to critical incidents at school sites and report back to the School Board by March 21, 2018;
2. modify the Board's Legislative Priorities at both the State and Federal levels to include the urgent request for funding to enhance school and student safety; and
3. request that the County and local municipalities collaborate with M-DCPS to provide an ongoing additional law enforcement presence around local school facilities as possible.

Revised



February 20, 2018

The Honorable Joe Negron, President
Florida Senate
409 The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL

The Honorable Richard Corcoran, Speaker
Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL

Dear President Negron and Speaker Corcoran:

RE: PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

Often, it is in moments of crisis like the unspeakable act of violence committed last week at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County that galvanize action. Seventeen lives were tragically lost, and we must all ask ourselves: ***How can we best protect our children?***

As leaders representing Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, we seek your support, advocacy, and decisive action on behalf of Miami-Dade County's children. It is a charge we locally hold ourselves accountable to first. Last week, we convened to review and assess both current safety protocols and interagency collaboration, and identified opportunities for further improvement. This review was comprehensive in nature, spanning from school-based operations to communication methods, and from facilities infrastructure and technology to human capital needs.

Our local school district currently receives \$9.5 million from the Safe Schools Appropriation for safety and security measures. As the fourth largest school district in the nation with more than 370 school campuses and over 350,000 students, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' investment on safety and security measures is approximately \$50 million, but that is not enough to ensure that we exhaust all viable measures to make sure not one more child is lost.

We must do all we can to protect the sanctity of schools by safeguarding our children. The solutions we seek are multi-faceted and require both immediate action and long-term commitment. We want to collaborate with our state leaders to realize solutions to the challenges ahead of us. Our community has honed in on unfunded needs that are crucial in further reinforcing school campus security infrastructure and essential supports for the prevention of future tragedies. We also recognize that preventing prohibited persons with mental health or emotional issues from obtaining firearms should be our first line of defense against mass casualty incidents that have become all too common throughout the nation. Identifying those at-risk individuals requires a substantial commitment in qualified human resources, artificial intelligence, and technology-based strategies. To that end, we join to seek your support on the following items:

- \$10 million for an additional 100 school resource officers (SRO) for schools in need of additional SRO presence;
- \$7.8 million to support mental health services for students which will allow our school district to hire 75 additional mental health/social work professionals to focus on prevention/early detection of youth needs, and 4 mental health counselor advocates dedicated to providing counselling services and addressing the unique and long-lasting impact and trauma of violent crime on our children;
- A multi-year request (Year 1 - \$12 million) for school-site infrastructure and inter-agency needs such as:
 - Video surveillance systems and internet protocol monitoring systems for school sites;
 - Evaluation of classroom glass window panes against ballistics, along with the materials needed to implement recommendations;
 - Mechanisms to automatically lock all doors;
 - Digital floor plan and mapping system for countywide response;
 - Enhanced mass communication systems at schools that provide expanded access to school public address systems;
 - Early detection software, social media data-mining software, and enhanced connectivity technology to improve inter-agency information sharing; and
 - Cyber analyst and Assistant State Attorney positions to provide technical guidance in the collection and analysis of social media and other electronic evidence.

We respectfully request your consideration of these priorities for this year's state appropriations. It is our intent to contact your offices and our local delegation to discuss additional ways in which we can work together to protect our children.

Sincerely,



Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor
Miami-Dade County



Alberto M. Carvalho
Superintendent of Schools
Miami-Dade County Public Schools



Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair
The School Board
Miami-Dade County, Florida



Katherine Fernandez-Rundle
Miami-Dade State Attorney



Esteban L. Bovo, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade County

cc: Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation
Board of County Commissioners
Members of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida