

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

SUBJECT: PRIORITY CONSIDERATION FOR RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

One of the top priorities for Miami-Dade County Public Schools has continuously been the safety and security of our students, faculty, and staff. Still, the tragedies that occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas Senior High School and most recently in Santa Fe High School have made it increasingly clear that additional resources are necessary to enhance school safety.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has already implemented numerous safety enhancements and will continue to augment safety protocols and security procedures in all schools. Additionally, the Florida Legislature signed into law the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, SB 7026. One of the many provisions of the bill was the establishment of the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program that includes a new requirement that each district must assign one or more safe-school officers at each school facility.

In our many discussions surrounding school safety, we have been made aware of the possibility that we may be faced with a shortage of police officers with every school district in the state looking to fill positions to meet the state mandate. As we have in the past, we must call upon the resources available to us in our community. One of these would be the hiring of retired police officers from local law enforcement agencies.

This item asks that priority consideration be given to retired police officers from local law enforcement agencies for vacant positions within the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department, as well as those to comply with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, SB 7026.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to review if feasible, awarding retired police officers from local law enforcement agencies priority consideration for vacant positions within the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department and also for positions to be filled for compliance with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, SB 7026.