



District Eight NEWS!

Dearest District 8 Resident:

It is an honor to represent you. As public servants, our office works on your behalf. Because of our commitment to ethical government and responsibility to the community, one of our office's main priorities is accountability.

Challenges

The Superintendent has recently conducted a survey of our district's principals. Principals are the academic leaders and managers of our schools, and their input creates a priceless source of information on how to better conduct the education process.

Problems and challenges were identified in the survey. This offers the School Board and Superintendent opportunities for reforming the system based on the information gathered.

We are now faced with budget cuts that impact our district very significantly. It is a complex situation that the district is committed to handling with the utmost sensitivity to the employees, the students and their parents.

Issues

Early Childhood Research shows that children who receive proper child care from birth to the age of 5 are better learners. A program of universal Pre-kindergarten for four-year old children will help all these little ones become better students.

Parents and students have expressed in a change of School Board policy to allow students to carry cell phones to school. These phones would be permissible if turned off and used only in emergencies. Given safety and traffic concerns, we have received comments in support of this change. Your continued input on this and all issues is encouraged.

Good News

Our office conducted a successful book drive held at the West-Dade Regional Library. Over 2,000 books were donated and delivered to schools in New York City. Our aim was to show the children there that they were in our thoughts.

As always our office works in earnest to make our school system the best in the nation. We strive to serve you with dignity and responsibility. Again, thank you for your trust and support.

Respectfully Yours,
Marta Pérez and Staff

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