

Dr. Marta Pérez, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: SCHOOL SAFETY

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE SAFETY AND THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Last month marked the tenth anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre, one of the worst events of school violence in the history of our country. That same week last month, one of our students took a firearm to school. Fortunately, a fellow student alerted school authorities and a potential incident was thwarted.

This school district, like many others in the country, has experienced a marked increase in incidents at our schools that is of grave concern. Counselors and psychologists report an alarming number of our students that exhibit disturbing behaviors; the current economic crisis is contributing to this frightening trend.

Our police force engages in a continuous cycle of training activities to effectively respond to incidents of violence at our school sites. Nevertheless, we all should be cognizant of our individual roles and duties and it behooves us to learn what is taking place in the schools and the specific steps our police force is taking or should take during this unprecedented crisis.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to provide an update on school safety activities.