

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
School Board of Miami-Dade County
Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners
Joint Meeting and Workshop

Board of County Commissioners
Miami Edison Middle School Auditorium
6101 NW 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida 33128

Meeting Date:

Wednesday, May 9, 2007
10:00 A.M.

Prepared by:

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Board of County Commissioners

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SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING AND WORKSHOP
May 9, 2007

The School Board of Miami-Dade County and the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners convened a joint meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, 10:00 A.M., in the Auditorium of Miami Edison Middle School, 6101 N.W. 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33127. There being present the following members of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC): Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro, Vice Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan, and Commissioners Audrey M. Edmonson, Carlos A. Gimenez, Sally A. Heyman, and Rebeca Sosa; and the following members of the School Board of Miami-Dade County (SBMDC): Superintendent Dr. Rudolph F. Crew, Chairman Agustin J. Barrera, Vice Chairman Martin Karp, and members Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Perla Tabares Hantman, Dr. Marta Perez, and Reiner Diaz de la Portilla; Miami-Dade County Manager George Burgess and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Mary Smith-York.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Martin Karp, Vice Chair, SBMDC, called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m. and recognized Instructor Sandra Harwood and keyboard students Omar Benegas, Daniel Castaneda, Joshua Concepcion, and Michael Heard from Miami Lakes Senior High School, who entertained with piano selections earlier. Following his introduction of members present from the Miami-Dade County School Board and the Board of County Commissioners, he introduced? recognized Ms. Richelle T. Lumpkin, Principal, Miami Edison Middle School, to provide welcoming remarks.

2. WELCOME REMARKS

Ms. Richelle T. Lumpkin, Principal, Miami Edison Middle School (MEMS), provided a brief welcoming statement and expressed hope that this would be a powerful, pleasant, and productive day for everyone.

Dr. Rudolph F. Crew, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed those in attendance and noted this was the time of year conversation regarding the next year should begin. He noted this joint meeting with the BCC was appropriate for making conversation one of a countywide perspective in support of the children and the agenda for the coming school years. Dr. Crew welcomed the BCC's and the SBMDC's continued mutual support in hopes that the quality of life within the County and the children in the school system would be significantly improved.

3. PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Students from the Miami Jackson Senior High School's ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) performed the presentation of Colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

Ms. Antonia Conova, a student, performed an acappella rendition of the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," followed by a moment of silent meditation.

6. OPENING REMARKS AND VISION STATEMENTS

Dr. Martin Karp, Vice Chair, School Board of Miami-Dade County provided opening remarks, and commented that this type of setting provided an opportunity for open dialogue between the two entities and the community.

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro, Board of County Commissioners (BCC), expressed appreciation on behalf of the Commission for the opportunity to participate in today's discussion. He noted that in 2006, the BCC passed a resolution creating a Joint Task Force comprised of Miami-Dade County and Miami Dade Public Schools. The intent of the resolution, he noted, was to explore opportunities for cooperation and collaboration between the two entities in an effort to assist youths in obtaining hands-on experience in various areas. Chairman Barreiro highlighted the Fire Academy as an example of one such program. He announced that on April 24, 2007, the BCC adopted a resolution sponsored by Vice Chairwoman Barbara Jordan, which fully supported the establishment of the Miami-Dade County Academy of Fire Rescue. Chairman Barreiro stated he was honored to represent the BCC at today's meeting and pledged his support to the continuation of more programs such as this.

7. OVERVIEW OF EDUCATION COMPACT

Vice Chair Karr briefly described the Education Compact's purpose as the opportunity to work collaboratively with the County and various municipalities to better understand the needs and obtain feedback for the community. He introduced Associate Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Alberto Carvalho and Assistant County Manager, Ms. Susanne M. Torriente, who would present the overview.

Mr. Carvalho stated the concept of the Education Compact made sense for the County and the School Board to have engaged in since February 2006 because these were the two largest entities in the County that served the County as a whole, benefiting every child and citizen of the community. He expressed appreciation for the efforts of both Boards, and particularly Commissioner Carlos Gimenez for spearheading this initiative on behalf of the County. Mr. Carvalho noted the Compact focused on three broad areas: Economies of Scale, Training and Professional Development Opportunities, and Collaboration on Education and Facilities. He stated over the past year, approximately 35 School Board staff members, along with their County staff counterparts, had worked together in the areas of Procurement, Transportation/Transit, Finance/Debt Management, Emergency Management, Facilities/Land Use, Training/Development, Communications, Technologies, Policy/Legal Support, Academic Excellence, and Public Safety/Juvenile Justice in an effort to collaborate and launch joint projects. Mr. Carvalho noted each of these being presented today had, or would result in academic enhancements for students and services to the community. Ms. Susanne Torriente greeted attendees; commented that the overview provided by Mr. Carvalho was all inclusive; and asked that staff proceed with its presentation of the collaborative projects.

8. COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Miami-Dade County Staff presented a PowerPoint presentation of the following Compact initiatives:

- a. **Fire Academy** - Mr. Karls Paul-Noel, Assistant Fire Chief, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department and Dr. Rose Martin, District Director, provided an overview of the Miami-Dade County Academy of Fire Rescue (MDCAFR) and highlighted the following issues:
 - Phase I (2006-07) – implemented at North Miami Senior High School;
 - Phase II (2007-08) – implemented at North Miami Senior High School and Miami Lakes Education Center;
 - Proposed Phase III (2008-09) – to be implemented at Southridge and Miami Carol City Senior High Schools;
 - Career and Technical Education (CTE) training:
 - Health Science Core Curriculum – 9th & 10th graders;
 - First Responders – 11th graders;
 - Pre-Fire Fighting & Rescue;
 - Emergency Medical Technical (dual enrollment with Miami Dade College- 12th grade);
 - Industry Certifications:
 - First Responder;
 - State of Florida's EMT; and
 - Firefighter Certification.

- b. **Team Metro Students' Academy** - Mr. Bob Rozowbsky (phonetic), Supervisor of Curriculum Instruction-Social Studies; Ms. Susanne Salix (phonetic), Acting Director of Outreach and Education and Ms. Olga Espinosa-Anderson, Acting Assistant Director of Operations, Team Metro, presented the foregoing collaborative highlighting the following points:
 - Nine-week program to commence on September 26, 2007 at Lamar Louise Curry and Miami Edison Middle Schools;
 - March 2008 to be offered at Highland Oaks and Ruben Dario Middle Schools;
 - complement the school's Project Citizen course;
 - Topics of discussion:
 - Overview of County Government;
 - Civic Responsibility and Volunteerism;
 - Ethics and Public Trust;
 - Environmental issues;
 - Emergency Management;
 - Transportation;
 - Corrections; and
 - Tour of the Stephen P. Clark Government Center.

- c. **The Parent Academy** - Ms. Lourdes Alvarez, Miami-Dade Employee Relations Department, and Ms. Sandy Moiz, Dean, Parent Academy, MDPS provided a brief

overview of the foregoing academy. The was presented and the following points were highlighted:

- Program launched in August 2005 with the "Lunch & Learn Series";
- 50,000 parents currently participate in the Parent Academy;
- Classes offered during parents' lunch hours at various sites;
- Family Learning Event at Metrozoo held March 31, 2007;
- Super Tax Day financial training held Saturday, January 27, 2007; and
- Transportation to events provided for free to parents by Miami-Dade Transit.

d. High School Internships - Mr. Donald Allen, Miami-Dade Employee Relations Department (ERD) and Dr. Linda Brown, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, provided an overview of the 2006-2007 Internships/Secondary School Reform program. The following issues were highlighted:

- two seniors who worked with Miami-Dade GSA were accepted to FIU School of Architecture;
- County representatives conducted mock interviews with students during Superintendent's Town Hall Meetings; and
- ERD participated in senior high school Career Fairs.

The following 2007-2008 Plans for Internship Expansion were highlighted:

- to expand student internships throughout County departments and locations;
- to expand County departments' collaboration with individual schools and academies;
- to explore the academy model with Miami-Dade Police and Corrections & Rehabilitation Departments; and
- to expand the County's role in new school system marketing campaign, "It Takes."

e. Economies of Scale - Mr. Amos Roundtree, Division Director, Miami-Dade Department of Procurement Management, and Mr. Joe Gomez, Miami-Dade Public Schools, presented the concept of maximizing economies of scale by exercising joint contracts between the County and the School Board, highlighting the following areas:

- Joint purchase contracts existing for IT hardware and wireless services; and
- Plans to consolidate both entities' contract requirements for waste, copy paper, and landscape services;
- Joint contract existing for the purchase of arbitrage services; and
- Plans to explore a joint waste services contract for 2008.

f. Joint Use Facilities and Future Projects - Ms. Wendy Norris, Director, General Services Administration, Ms. Barbara Falsey, Chief, Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department, and Mr. Mike Levine, Facilities Planning, Miami-Dade Public Schools, provided a brief overview of joint purchase contracts between the County and Public School System. The following issues were highlighted:

- 35 Joint Use Agreements exist for the use of recreational facilities by M-DCPS and the Miami-Dade Park & Recreation Department:
 - 11 school sites use for park purposes; and
 - 24 Park sites used for school purposes;
- Six additional Joint Use agreements currently being developed:
 - Spanish Lakes Park;
 - Homestead Air Reserve Park; and
 - Mid South Park.

g. Civil Citation Program - Mr. Robert Parker, Director, Miami-Dade Police Department, Ms. Wansley Walters, Director, Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department, and Chief Gerald Darling, Miami-Dade Schools Police Department provided an overview of the Miami-Dade County Civil Citation Program. The program was created to allow officers to work with juveniles arrested within the County to keep them from having an arrest record and to address the root issues that cause the children's criminal behavior. The Civil Citation Pilot program concentrated on four misdemeanor crimes: Trespassing, Disruption of School Functions, Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting without Violence. As a result of the program, juvenile arrests were reduced by 50 percent this year. Proposed expansion to the program would include working with juveniles arrested for: Gang offenses, Animal Cruelty, and Weapons Violence. Other joint agency initiatives include: Multi-Agency Truancy Sweeps, MOU to address critical incidents at schools, Emergency Response Critical Incident Response Management (ERCM) drills, and Miami-Dade GANG STRIKE FORCE Resolution.

9. DIALOGUE ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN

Dr. Karp opened the floor for discussion regarding issues and/or concerns related to today's presentations:

Dr. Perez asked what company would provide the joint IT Hardware for both entities and what specifically were the wireless cellular devices referred to earlier. He was told by who? that various companies would provide the IT Hardware, and identified some of them as Hewlett Packard, Dell, Lexmark. Pertaining to IT software, she was informed that a recommendation was underway for educational software and the County could piggyback on that pricing.

Commissioner Jordan proposed a joint initiative between the County and School Board that would provide for refurbishing old computers and placing them into the homes of children unable to afford them otherwise. She also proposed that the Health Connect clinic initiative already in schools, be expanded to include a Nurses' Academy.

Ms. Greer announced that the School Board was in the process of acquiring the old Homestead Hospital to be converted into the Medical Arts High School in partnership with Baptist Hospital to train students in several medical occupations.

Mr. Diaz de la Portilla advised that focus needed to be on future opportunities to maximize the economies of scale, specifically regarding the property tax reform issue. He expressed concern

regarding the Emergency Response Teams at the schools and asked if the response units were EMS trained and how emergencies were coordinated with the County.

In response to Mr. Diaz de la Portilla, Mr. Darling noted the School Police Department was responsible for incidents that occurred on school property. He noted the MDPD would assist as necessary. Mr. Darling advised that the School Police were currently undergoing training with the MDPD for emergency situations.

Commissioner Heyman recommended exploring the possibility of using the Jackson North hospital as an expansion of the academies.

Commissioner Sosa commended staff's efforts regarding the Parent Academy and proposed exploring the possibility of launching a joint initiative to provide part-time jobs to students who needed to work to help their parents support the families.

Commissioner Gimenez expressed his desire to co-sponsor Commissioner Jordan's initiatives for a Police Academy and a Corrections and Rehabilitation Academy. He noted these efforts should be expended into the municipalities within the County.

BCC Chairman Barreiro concurred that both entities should combine resources and purchasing power in terms of goods and services.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Greer recommended that the School Board provide the Board of County Commissioners with a bulletin from the School Board's meeting identifying initiatives that were being considered. She noted both entities were working separately on similar initiatives.

A brief discussion ensued among BCC and School Board members regarding a proposal for a joint transportation initiative, and a recommendation to look at the opportunity for joint maintenance of buses initiative was presented.

Commissioner Sosa recommended exploring the area of insurance within the procurement process to determine the feasibility of a joint initiative.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



BCC/School Board Joint Meeting of the Education Compact
Miami Edison Middle School 6101 NW 2 Avenue, Miami
May 9, 2007

Prepared by: MARY SMITH-YORK

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2	5/8/07	9	N/A	Commissioner Souto memo of absence for OFB
3	5/8/07	10	N/A	Transmittal Memo & Agenda from Chairman Barreiro
4	5/9/07	10	N/A	The Parent Academy Brochure
5	5/9/07	10	N/A	Compacts Program PowerPoint Presentation
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JOE A. MARTINEZ
MIAMI DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 11

Memorandum

To: The Honorable Chairman Bruno Barreiro and
Members of the Board of County Commissioners

From: Commissioner Joe A. Martinez (JM)

Date: May 7, 2007

Re: Joint Board of County Commissioners and School Board Meeting

Please be advised that I will not be attending the Joint Board of County Commissioners and School Board Meeting scheduled for May 9, 2007, due to prior commitments. I apologize in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause.

If you should have any questions please call my office at (305) 552-1155.

Thank you.

JM/lg

Cc: Honorable Mayor Carlos Alvarez
George Burgess, County Manager
Murray Greenberg, County Attorney

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Board of County Commissioners
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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Honorable Chairperson Bruno Barreiro
and Members Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Senator Javier Souto
DATE: May 7, 2007
RE: Absence from Joint BCC and School Board Meeting - May 9th

I will be in Uberaba, State of Minas Gerais, Brazil on official County business attending the Expozebu 2007 Fair along with the Director and the Assistant Director of the Miami Dade Parks and Recreation Department on May 9th, in preparation of the Miami International Livestock Show projected to take place in May 2008 at Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center at Tropical Park. Therefore, I will not be able to attend the Joint BCC and School Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 9th. For anything that you shall need me, you can reach me at my cell number: 305-793-0052. Also, my Senior Assistant, Bernardo Escobar, and my Secretary, Maggie Gonzalez, will be at the office to take care of business as usual.

I expect this to be a successful and productive mission for Miami-Dade County. This Fair is one if the most important ones in the Hemisphere. The cattle associations of Brazil have clearly expressed their desire to help our projected Fair in May 2008.

cc: Kay Sullivan ✓
Clerk of the Board



MEMORANDUM
BRUNO A. BARREIRO
 Chairman
 Board of County Commissioners
 District 5

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 Item Agenda Transmittal Memo
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TO: Honorable Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan and
 Members of the Board of County Commissioners.

FROM: Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman *Bruno Barreiro*

SUBJECT: Agenda for Board of County Commissioners and School Board Joint
 Meeting and Workshop

DATE: May 8, 2007

Attached please find a copy of the agenda for tomorrow's Joint Meeting and Workshop with the School Board of Miami-Dade County.

If you have any questions, please do not to hesitate to contact my office at (305) 375-5924.

BAB/lm

- C:** The Honorable Carlos Alvarez, County Mayor
 George Burgess, County Manager
 Susanne M. Torriente, Assistant County Manager
 Alina Hudak, Assistant County Manager
 Alex Muñoz, Assistant County Manager
 Kay Sullivan, Clerk of the Board
 Murray A. Greenberg, County Attorney
 Joe Rasco, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

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Career Academy Pathway

Provides cadets with integrated academic and Career and Technical Education (CTE) training.

- Health Science Core Curriculum – 9th & 10th
- First Responder – 11th
- Pre-Fire Fighting & Rescue – 11th
- Emergency Medical Technical (Dual Enrollment with Miami Dade College) – 12th



Post-Secondary Education/Workforce

Industry Certifications:

- First Responder
- State of Florida's EMT
- Firefighter Certification



TEAM METRO STUDENTS' ACADEMY

Team Metro
M-DCPS Curriculum & Instruction, Social Sciences



Course Overview

- This informative nine-week program provides students with an overview of local government.
- The Students' Academy will complement the existing Project Citizen curriculum currently being offered at the middle schools.
- Classroom instruction will be complemented with a field trip to the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, as well as, the courthouse, main library, and the Miami-Dade County television studios.
- Students will have an opportunity to meet the Mayor or their commissioner, and discuss local issues.
- The importance of civic responsibility and volunteerism will be emphasized.



Curriculum Outline

Topics to be discussed during the Academy:

- Overview of County Government
- Civic Responsibility and Volunteerism
- Ethics and Public Trust
- Environmental Issues
- Emergency Management
- Transportation
- Corrections
- Tour of Stephen P. Clark Government Center



Team Metro Students' Academy

The Academy will commence as a pilot program on September 26, 2007 at the following two middle schools:

- Lamar Louise Curry Middle School
- Miami Edison Middle School

In March 2008, the Academy will be offered at the following two middle schools:

- Highland Oaks Middle School
- Ruben Dario Middle School

The schedule for the Fall of 2008 and the Spring of 2009 will allow four additional schools to participate in this innovative program.



HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIPS

Miami-Dade County Employee Relations Department
M-DCPS Office of Community Services



2006-2007 Internships/Secondary School Reform Highlights

- Students placed in internships within Miami-Dade County
 - Two high school seniors who worked with County General Service Administration architects have been accepted to FIU School of Architecture
- Employee Relations Department (ERD) participated in Superintendent's Town Hall Meetings (6 area meetings)
 - County representatives conducted mock interviews with students during the high school breakout sessions
- ERD Participated in senior high school Career Fairs
 - Miami Central, Miami Jackson, Lindsey Hopkins Technical and South Miami
- Kicked-off Fire Rescue Academy program
 - 17 seniors graduating this year and entering the Miami-Dade College Fire Academy or EMT Certification Program.
- County Personnel served on School Advisory Boards



2007-2008 Plans for Internship Expansion

- Expansion of student internships throughout County departments and locations to address the need for student placements in local neighborhoods
- Expand Miami-Dade County departments' collaboration with individual schools and academies.
- Exploring the academy model, similar to Fire Rescue, with Miami-Dade Police and Corrections and Rehabilitation Departments.
- Expand County role in new school system marketing campaign, "It Takes"...



ECONOMIES OF SCALE

Miami-Dade County Department of Procurement Management
M-DCPS Procurement Management Services
M-DCPS Office of Treasury Management
Miami-Dade County Finance Department



Joint Purchase Contracts

- IT Hardware and peripherals-
Contract was awarded for a five year period in the amount of approximately \$200,000,000. This contract has resulted in savings of approximately 30 million dollars from previous contract pricing. The contract allows for purchases by employees at the same terms and conditions, except the employee must pay sales tax on the purchase.



Issuance of Request for Proposal for Wireless Service and Equipment

- Wireless (Cellular) Devices & Services
Solicitation for Wireless (Cellular) Services and Equipment for Countywide use based on the requirements for Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade County Public Schools.



Joint Request For Proposal & Contract for Arbitrage Services

- The School Board has entered into a joint contract with Miami-Dade County for the purchase of arbitrage rebate calculation services for existing and future bond issues. There are 30 for the School Board and 71 for the County of municipal bond transactions currently subject to Arbitrage Rebate IRS Regulations.



Other Opportunities

- Waste management services- The Miami-Dade County contract expires in 2008. The School Board will provide requirements to the County to include in their solicitation of waste management services.
- Landscape services
- Copy paper



JOINT USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES

Miami-Dade County General Services Administration
Miami-Dade County Parks & Recreation Department
M-DCPS Facilities Planning



Park/School Partnerships Between Miami-Dade County and the School Board

- 35 Joint Use Agreements for use of recreational facilities by M-DCPS and the Miami Dade County Park and Recreation Department
 - 11 School sites used for Park purposes
 - 24 Park sites used for School purposes
- 6 additional Joint Use Agreements currently being developed



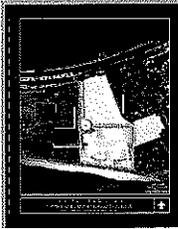
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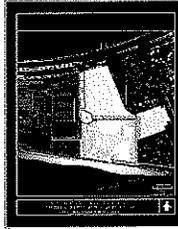
The Hialeah Senior High School Community performing Center is yet another successful collaboration between the school district and Miami-Dade County through which the existing school's auditorium was partially demolished, a new addition built and the entire complex renovated and built into a state of the art community performance center. The school has complete access to this facility for use by the students and the county uses it on nights and weekends as needed for community events. The facility seats approximately 850 people and the construction cost was around \$4.5 million. The project opened in 2004.



Conceptual Study for a South Miami-Dade School for the Performing Arts



County and District staff are presently exploring the possibility of a collaborative effort between the two entities to facilitate the construction of a special interest high school focused on the performing arts, adjacent to the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center. Conceptual studies have been prepared and are under further discussion.



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CIVIL
CITATION PROGRAM**

Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department
Miami-Dade Police Department
Miami-Dade Schools Police Department

A Community Partnership

Director Robert Parker Director Wansley Walters Chief Gerald L. Darling



Overview

The Florida State Statute 985.301 has established a Juvenile Civil Citation process for the purpose of providing an efficient and innovative alternative to custody by the Department of Juvenile Justice of children who commit non-serious delinquent acts to ensure swift and appropriate consequences.



Why Is Change Necessary?

- Youth entering Juvenile Justice System at an alarming rate
- Significant amount of these youth are arrested for minor offenses
- Juvenile Court System is inundated with cases
- High percentage of cases are not filed due to lack of evidence or are non-prosecuted due to victim/witness not cooperating
- We need to change to culture of our system so that it meets the needs of society; this includes law enforcement, courts, social services etc.



Consequences To An Arrest

- Arrest records stay with the child until age 25 or longer
- An arrest, even absent a conviction, can lead to serious consequences for a child. In some cases, an arrest may limit employment opportunities, affect college admission, prevent the child from serving in the armed services or even hinder their ability to obtain housing, family or public assistance.



History

- Civil Citation Program was initially piloted by Miami-Dade Schools Police Department
- Began with four (4) misdemeanors (trespassing, disruption of school function, resisting w/o violence and disorderly conduct)
- Required officers to identify and refer child to the program with paperwork



New Civil Citation Program

- Grant awarded to Miami-Dade County
- Expanded to include most misdemeanors with the exception of:
 - Gang offenses
 - Animal Cruelty
 - Weapons Violations
- Intervention occurs at the JAC instead of on the scene
- "Check-Only" print system to ensure eligibility
- Tax-payer savings
- Target audience of 1st and 2nd time juvenile misdemeanor offenders
- Intervention and Clinical services (drug and alcohol treatment, family counseling, tutoring, community service hours, etc.)
- Battery/Assault are eligible with victims consent
- **NO ARREST RECORD if successfully completed**
- Case referred to State Attorney's Office if not successfully completed
- 12 and under Review Process



Other Joint Agency Initiatives

- Multi-Agency Truancy Sweeps
- Memorandums of Understanding between 8 largest law enforcement agencies in Miami-Dade County to address Critical Incidents at Schools
- Emergency Response Critical Incident Response Management (ERCM) drills to test readiness
- Miami-Dade GANG STRIKE FORCE Resolution