

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT 2

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

As the largest caretaker of children, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) should take immediate action by convening an emergency meeting inviting other stakeholders of youth such as PTA, other School Boards, The Children's Trust, Miami Children's Hospital and other organizations the Superintendent deems appropriate regarding Amendment 2 on the November ballot. Amendment 2 addresses the usage of medical marijuana.

Amendments and legislation are not part of this Board's obligation to address, but there are instances where proposals may directly impact M-DCPS. Such cases would include marijuana sales within close proximity to our public schools and children, and marijuana products offered that could be brought to school because some are packaged to look like candy and could pass for regular candy treats. This has occurred in other states.

In states where marijuana sales exist in close proximity to schools, there is documentation showing the ill effects on school-aged children's academic performance, the increase in minors' visits to hospitals, the spike in car accidents involving young people, and the increased potency rates in marijuana that are accessed by children.

If the District does not ask these questions and get the correct information out to parents in Miami then who will? The outcomes resulting from the passage of Amendment 2 allowing for medical marijuana could help those who are suffering from some painful diseases such as cancer, but doctors also will be able to write prescriptions for migraine headaches, depression and sleeping disorders.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTIN KARP:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. Convene an emergency meeting of stakeholders to discuss and obtain factual information related to Amendment 2 for the purpose of providing information to the community, and;
2. Create a plan and take any necessary actions.