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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DR. STEVE GALLON III ADDRESSES SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION CRISIS MANAGEMENT AT UPCOMING MEETING

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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF DR. STEVE GALLON III

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At the next meeting of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, District 1 School Board Member Dr. Steve Gallon III will address the need for the development of a plan for school bus transportation security and crisis management. In many cases, school bus drivers are the first and last school employees to see students on a daily basis. Recent national and local incidents have occurred during the transport of students on school buses. These emergency situations have shown the need for a proactive approach to ensuring that school bus drivers are adequately trained to mitigate property damage, prevent injuries, and most important, save lives.

The training is provided to District school bus drivers in areas that may include personal safety, student misconduct, student fighting, and parental conflicts. School bus drivers may also be faced with potential threats to student and school bus driver safety such as vehicle assaults, hijackings, and possession of dangerous materials or weapons.

Dr. Gallon's item seeks to ensure that plans regarding school bus transportation safety and crisis management are developed, reviewed, and/or revised to ensure adequate training and preparedness of school bus drivers and related transportation supervisors and district staff in dealing with a crisis in which students are being transported on District-operated school buses prior to the opening of the 2017-2018 school year.

The next School Board Meeting is Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., in the auditorium at 1450 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami, FL 33132.

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