

School Police and District Security  
Gerald L. Darling, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:            THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE RESOLUTION 05-40 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AS ITS SYSTEM FOR PREPARING FOR, RESPONDING TO, AND RECOVERING FROM DISASTER INCIDENTS REGARDLESS OF CAUSE, SIZE OR COMPLEXITY**

**COMMITTEE:        SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) - 5, Management of Domestic Incidents, established guidelines and a system to unify and coordinate Federal, State, territorial, tribal, and local governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) is the nation's first-ever standardized approach to incident management and response. The NIMS unifies Federal, State, territorial, tribal, and local lines of government into one coordinated effort. This integrated system makes America safer by establishing a uniform set of processes, protocols, and procedures that all emergency responders, at every level of government, will use to conduct response actions. This system ensures that those involved in emergency response operations understand what their roles are and have the tools they need to be effective.

This system encompasses much more than the Incident Command System (ICS), although ICS is a critical component of the NIMS. It also provides a common foundation for training and other preparedness efforts, communicating and sharing information with other responders and with the public, ordering resources to assist with a response effort, and for integrating new technologies and standards to support incident management. For the first time, all of the nation's emergency responders will use a common language, and a common set of procedures when working individually and together to keep America safe. The NIMS ensures that they will have the same preparation, the same goals and expectations, and most importantly, they will be speaking the same language.

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Since the inception of NIMS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) continues to incorporate these strategies into District crisis management plans. In order to continue receiving federal preparedness assistance funding, M-DCPS is required to officially adopt the NIMS and continue using it in critical incident management and emergency prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities, as well as in support of all actions taken to assist State or local entities.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-40, of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the National Incident Management System as its system for preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disaster incidents regardless of cause, size or complexity.

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-40  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)**

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Miami-Dade County is committed to the safety and security of all students and staff, and to the continued cooperation with other government entities in regards to critical incident management and response; and

**WHEREAS**, Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD-5, February 28, 2003) established the NIMS; and

**WHEREAS**, the NIMS establishes a single, comprehensive approach to disaster incident management to ensure that all levels of government across the nation have the capability to work efficiently and effectively together using a national approach to disaster incident management; and

**WHEREAS**, the NIMS provides a consistent, nationwide approach for federal, state and local governments to work together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disaster incidents regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

**WHEREAS**, the NIMS provides for interoperability and compatibility between federal, state and local capabilities and includes a core set of concepts, principles, terminology and technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, deems the NIMS to be in the best interest of the students and staff of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-40 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopting the National Incident Management System as its system for preparing for and responding to disaster incidents.

Presented this seventh day of September, A.D. 2005

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary