

Cuba - Emergency Plan Detail

1) Schools—Immediate Situation:

a) In the case that an announcement of the change of Government occurs during the schools day, the Schools should not contribute to any sense of emergency nor make evacuation of the school a goal. Rather, they should allow those parents who wish to do so to take their children home. It is recommended that the schools all add to their safety plans now a provision for this eventuality. The schools should promulgate this provision to the parents. The following is a recommended policy:

- i) If an announcement of a change of government in Cuba is made when the school is not in session, our school will cancel or hold classes on the next day in accordance with the public schools in our county.**

 - ii) If an announcement of a change of government in Cuba is made when the school is in session, parents may come to the school to take their children home early.**

 - iii) Parents can find the current situation at a school by visiting the website for the Department of Schools of the Archdiocese of Miami at *schools.miamiarch.org* and looking in the section marked “News.”**

 - iv) If an announcement of a change of government in Cuba is made when the school is in session and the parents have difficulty in reaching the school because of traffic at the end of the school day, the school will allow the children to remain in its after-school care program until one parent arrives.**

 - v) If an announcement of a change of government in Cuba is made when a high school is in session, and a student wishes to go home early, the school will, in view of potential traffic problems, consider this event to be an “emergency,” and allow those students for whom there is parental authorization by signed fax to drive home in case of emergencies to leave.**
- b) The administration also will be advised to plan in advance for a way to accommodate additional children in order to implement iv) above.**
- c) The Department of Schools will send to principals the wording to be used by the principal in order to inform the students of the situation. Principals will be asked to wait until they receive an approved statement from the Department of Schools before saying anything.**
- d) The School should inform Br. Angelo Palmieri if there is information that they would want us to put on the Department of Schools website**