

# NEWS

**AS PROPOSED BY BOARD VICE CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSES MARCH 2008 AS 'ARTS IN OUR SCHOOL MONTH'**

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## *NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN*

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As proposed by Board Vice Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, District 4, the Miami-Dade School Board voted unanimously to approve a resolution endorsing March 2008 as "Arts in Our Schools Month," to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and authorizing actions to foster related activities.

"Arts in Our Schools Month' highlights the importance of the arts for our students," said Ms. Hantman, a long-time supporter of arts education. "The arts are an essential part of public education that not only enhance students' understanding of the world around them, but also broaden their perspective on traditional academics, and are integral in the development of the whole person," she added.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 supports the power of arts education and recognizes its significance and necessity for all children. Ratification of this resolution will prompt our diverse community to become aware of, recognize, and celebrate the many historical, cultural, social, and economic benefits that the arts and arts education provide to Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida and the nation.

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