

NEWS

**AS PROPOSED BY SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
SCHOOL BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES PROCLAIMING
APRIL 22, 2008 AS EARTH DAY IN THE COUNTY'S SCHOOLS**

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NEWS RELEASE OF PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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Vice Chair Perla Tabares Hantman's proposal proclaiming April 22, 2008 as Earth Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools received the unanimous approval of the School Board at its monthly meeting held yesterday.

"By celebrating Earth Day, our school district is sending a clear message that our students are committed to a better management of our environmental needs as they affect everyone in our society. We must do all we can to protect our environment through the careful and safe disposal of waste, by limiting the pollution of our air and water, and by conserving our natural resources," said Ms. Hantman.

During the district's Earth Day celebrations and earth science themed activities, teachers and parents are encouraged to discuss with their students the significance of the festivities. It is hoped that through the celebration of this important day, students and their families will develop a commitment to protecting our environment all year round.

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