

NEWS

**AS PROPOSED BY SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, MIAMI-DADE
SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES PROCLAIMING
APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
PREVENTION MONTH**

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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Yesterday, during its monthly meeting, the Miami-Dade County School Board unanimously approved a proposal by Vice Chair Perla Tabares Hantman proclaiming the month of April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in the County's public schools.

"Child abuse seriously interferes with normal child development, causing permanent physical and psychological problems in the future," said Ms. Hantman.

The school district will participate in various events and child abuse and neglect awareness activities, including a Blue Ribbon campaign that aims to increase public awareness of the problem. The Blue Ribbon Campaign originated in Virginia in 1989, when a grandmother, whose grandson died from child abuse, tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her car as a constant reminder of the need to eradicate this malicious behavior toward our children.

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