

NEWS

**AS PRESENTED BY VICE CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN,
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD GIVES UNANIMOUS
APPROVAL FOR NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK**

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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As presented by Vice Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, the School Board of Miami-Dade County gave unanimous approval to endorsing the third week of March of each year as National Poison Prevention Week in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

National Poison Prevention Week will feature programs geared toward raising awareness of the dangers of poisoning and how to prevent them. In observance of the life/safety initiative, the Miami-Dade County Injury Prevention Coalition, in collaboration with Jackson Health Systems Emergency Department, promotes community involvement in poison prevention during the entire month of March. The passage of the proposal will advance this important safety initiative at Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

“Nationally, more than 2 million poisonings occur every year. The majority of non-fatal poisonings occur in children younger than six years old. We must ensure that the number of these incidents is drastically reduced. Our effort increases public awareness which is a good positive step toward eradication of these incidents,” said Ms. Hantman.

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