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AS PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD VOTES TO ENDORSE TRAFFIC SAFETY PLANS

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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As proposed by Vice Chairman Perla Tabares Hantman, the Miami-Dade County School Board voted unanimously to endorse two concept papers on traffic safety for submittal to the Florida Department of Transportation Highway Safety Grant Program. Every year grants are awarded for the implementation of safety programs that enhance safety efforts around schools by providing driver feedback signage, education and School Police enforcement of traffic laws.

The concept papers, "A Plan to Reduce Speeding near Public High Schools" and "A Plan to Combat Aggressive Driving in School Zones," offer a comprehensive effort to minimize the risk of injuries to children and other pedestrians in school zones and include a proposed pilot program at seven senior high schools:

- Coral Gables Senior High
- John A. Ferguson Senior High
- Felix Varela Senior High
- Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High
- American Senior High
- G. Holmes Braddock Senior High
- Coral Reef Senior High

The schools were selected based on their locations in high volume areas and incidents of pedestrian accidents. At the end of the academic year, piloted school data will be compared with the 36 other public high schools.

"We must use all the resources available to ensure that all students, parents, teachers and administrators entering and leaving our schools are safe," said Hantman. "You can never do too much to ensure the safety of our children."

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