

NEWS

**AS PROPOSED BY SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSES
ADDITIONAL GRANT FOR SAFE ROUTES PROGRAM**

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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The Miami-Dade County School Board unanimously approved a proposal by Vice Chair Perla Tabares Hantman to endorse an additional grant under the Safe Routes to Schools federal infrastructure grant program for two schools in the Miami Lakeway area. Miami Lakes K-8 and Miami Lakes Middle will join 45 other schools participating in the safety program which makes pedestrian routes safer and more appealing and also encourages children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school.

According to crash data, the two schools are located within a high vehicle/pedestrian crash zone, with a total of 31 bicycle crashes and 61 pedestrian crashes that have occurred within two miles of the schools. The Town of Miami Lakes plans to implement a greenway trail and a proposed safe route to schools in the Lakeway area.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for The Town of Miami Lakes and M-DCPS to work together to ensure the safety of students and other pedestrians,” said Hantman.

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