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MIAMI-DADE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN *WALK OUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DAY* OCTOBER 8, 2008, AS PROPOSED BY SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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The Miami-Dade County School Board has approved a proposal presented by School Board Vice Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, District 4, to promote student pedestrian safety and awareness on *International Walk Our Children to School Day*, Wednesday, October 8, 2008. *Walk Our Children to School Day* promotes walking as an exercise for good health and physical fitness, and also reinforces the importance of driver awareness in reducing traffic speed and obeying school speed zone limits.

“Walk Our Children to School Day is an important event that teaches children safe walking skills and outlines safe routes to school for both students and parents,” said Hantman. “I encourage parents and the entire community to join in this safety event at participating schools”.

Walk Our Children to School Day was endorsed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and is sponsored nationwide by the National SAFE KIDS Coalition. In conjunction with this program, the School Board will implement the “WalkSafe” Pedestrian Safety Program curriculum, which was developed and implemented by the Ryder Trauma Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine/Jackson Memorial Medical Center to reduce pediatric pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

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