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STUDENT SAFETY ITEM PROPOSED BY BOARD MEMBER PERLA TABARES HANTMAN IS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY SCHOOL BOARD

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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As proposed by Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman, District 4, the Miami-Dade School Board voted unanimously to endorse a \$10,000 grant funded by FedEx that if awarded, will allow the District's Community Traffic Safety Team to develop and advance student pedestrian safety goals. The Board also directed the Superintendent to formalize the grant application accordingly.

The impetus behind the application for the *Safe Kids Walk This Way 2009 Environmental Task Force Grant* is the staggering national statistic that each year more than 400 child pedestrians are killed as a result of vehicle crashes. Long-term environmental modifications based on assessments of need are critical to the safety of child pedestrians. Interventions such as crossing guards, speed enforcement campaigns and traffic calming have helped reduce child pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

Ms. Hantman, a proactive advocate of initiatives to promote student pedestrian safety, has endorsed participation in the International Walk Your Children to School Day and the WalkSafe program. FedEx is the sponsor of Safe Kids USA.

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