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AS PROPOSED BY BOARD MEMBER PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, SCHOOL BOARD ADDS TWO MORE SCHOOLS TO THE 'SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL' GRANT PROGRAM, ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO WALK OR BIKE TO SCHOOL

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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 add two schools to the Safe Routes to School grant program, which encourages children to walk or bicycle to school, by making pedestrian routes safer. The schools, Frederick Douglass Elementary and Paul Lawrence Dunbar Elementary, increase the number of schools in the program to 59.

“The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure Grant Program enables and encourages children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school, by making pedestrian routes safer and more appealing and thus encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age,” said Ms. Hantman.

All schools were chosen in collaboration with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Miami-Dade County Public Works Department, based on having a large population of students who walk to school, and are located in areas where there have been high instances of pedestrian traffic accidents involving children from the ages of 5 to 13.

The U.S. Department of Transportation implemented federal-aid highway funds legislation providing federal grant dollars for infrastructure improvements to establish SRTS programs at public schools nationwide for five fiscal years.

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