

# NEWS

## **AS PROPOSED BY BOARD MEMBER PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSES THE 'WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL' SAFETY FLYER, ENCOURAGING STUDENT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INITIATIVES**

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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 the "Welcome Back to School! Be Smart. Be Safe." Traffic Safety Message Flyers, which were developed by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine/Walksafe Program. These flyers will be distributed at all schools to parents, students and teachers.

"The CTST recognizes that student pedestrian safety initiatives at the classroom level are an important component of overall traffic safety in our schools and surrounding communities," said Ms. Hantman, who is a proactive advocate of initiatives promoting student pedestrian safety. "Community-based encouragement and involvement is just as important to ensure pedestrian awareness and safe driving skills."

The CTST is a locally based team of multi-jurisdictional agencies under the auspices of the Florida Department of Transportation. For the past three years, the CTST has partnered with the School District to promote student pedestrian/bicycle safety in our neighborhoods. As such, the CTST is starting the new school year with a resounding safety message that aggressively promotes student traffic safety at the elementary, middle and high school levels. The safety flyer it has developed contains short, simple messages, but with the potential of saving lives. The messages subjects include:

- Walk with your children to school
- Obey all posted roadway signs
- When stopping, standing, or parking your vehicle, please use the designated areas only
- Buckle Up!
- Pedestrian Safety Tips
- Be Safe...Be Seen

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