

NEWS

THE MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES THREE RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY BOARD MEMBER PERLA TABARES HANTMAN HONORING EDUCATORS, MIDDLE SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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The School Board unanimously approved three Resolutions proposed by District 4 Board Member, Perla Tabares Hantman at its regular meeting this week. The items honor a middle school's award-winning pedestrian safety program, a Cuban cultural heritage historian and a Juvenile Justice Teacher of the Year.

"I also am very proud of this group of middle school students who used a tragic accident to create a safety program that focuses on saving the lives of children through education," said Ms. Hantman. "I also would like to commend these dedicated educators for their passion, determination and committed service to both students and to our cultural enrichment," said Ms. Hantman. "

The Board unanimously voted to:

- Recognize the Miami Lakes Middle School Project Citizen class for achieving a superior award for their safety program S.P.E.E.D., "Saving Pedestrians Everywhere Every Day" at the 2009 project citizen national showcase. The program focuses on saving the lives of children through education, expanding school safety zones, and speed enforcement. The program was honored with a Superior Award, marking this the second year in a row that the school has received such a distinction.
- Recognize Miami-Dade County Public Schools teacher Teresa A. Valcarcel for being selected as the 2008 Region V Juvenile Justice Teacher of the Year. A 12-year veteran of M-DCPS, Ms. Valcarcel's outstanding achievements as an education professional, her impressive qualifications, and her commendable dedication to at-risk students contributed to her being distinguished as one of Florida's exceptional Department of Juvenile Justice teachers.
- Recognize Dr. Ofelia Tabares-Fernandez for her lifetime of service to the cultural enrichment of our community. As founder and president of the Cuban Museum, Inc., Dr. Tabares-Fernandez works to preserve and share historical documents, literature, art, and memorabilia inherent to the Cuban cultural heritage with the South Florida community. The Cuban Museum, Inc. has enabled our community to learn about the heritage of the Cuban people through the presentation of a multitude of cultural activities and educational opportunities.

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