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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER PERLA TABARES HANTMAN TO LEAD CHILDREN'S SAFETY WALK, OCT. 7

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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Miami-Dade County School Board member Perla Tabares Hantman will lead students, teachers, parents, concerned citizens, and community leaders in "Walk Our Children to School Day" activities beginning at **9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7** at **Twin Lakes Elementary School**, 6735 W. 5th Place, Hialeah 33012.

"It is important now more than ever to be vigilant regarding our children's safety," said Hantman. "This event also teaches children and parents to lead an active, healthy life through physical fitness."

Walk Our Children to School Day promotes pedestrian safety education and awareness for the benefit of students who walk to school every day. The international program increases the awareness of safe walking skills, safe routes to school for students and parents, as well as walking as an exercise that promotes good health and physical fitness. In addition, walking helps the environment by reducing school-related traffic and pollution and reinforces the importance of reducing traffic speed and obeying the school speed zone limits. In conjunction with this event, Ms. Hantman also encourages participation in the "WalkSafe Program" at the elementary school level. This program was developed by the University of Miami/Miller School of Medicine to teach safe walking skills.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee have endorsed "Walk Our Children to School Day," which is sponsored by the National SAFE KIDS Coalition and FedEx.

For more information about this event, please contact Ms. Vivian Villaamil at 305-995-7287.

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