

NEWS

THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES THREE ITEMS PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN SUPPORTING THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, ENDORSING A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND ENDORSING A RESOLUTION URGING SPEED REDUCTION SIGNS AT ALL MIAMI-DADE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

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NEWS RELEASE OF PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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The School Board unanimously approved three items proposed by Vice Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at the Board meeting this week. The items include supporting the U.S. Census Bureau Outreach Campaign during next year's census count, and endorsing two items: a Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) resolution urging the Florida Department of Transportation to put speed reduction signs at all Miami-Dade senior high schools; and the District's participation in a grant, *Communities Putting Prevention to Work* (CPPW), for the development of community-based prevention and wellness strategies.

"Participation in the Census by everyone is critical to our community, as the Census results determine how approximately \$300 billion in federal funds are distributed annually to state and local areas," said Ms. Hantman. "As Vice Chair of the MPO, I sponsored the resolution to urge the State to allow for stricter pedestrian safety measures at all senior high schools in Miami-Dade County. Additionally, the grant from the U.S. Department of Health will help support healthy strategies to promote physical activity, consumption of healthy foods, and expanding physical activity in schools."

The items approved at the Board meeting are listed below:

- Support of the U.S. Census Bureau's Outreach Campaign to promote community-wide participation in the 2010 Census, and request the Superintendent to partner with local government entities to assist in these efforts.
- Endorsement of Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization Resolution Number 37-09, urging the Florida Department of Transportation to require school zone speed reduction signs and school crossings at all senior high schools in Miami-Dade County.
- Endorsement of the School District's participation in a grant under U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled, "*Communities Putting Prevention to Work*" for the development of community-based prevention and wellness strategies to address obesity, physical inactivity, and poor nutrition.

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