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## THE MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN ENDORSING BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM

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### *NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN*

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The School Board unanimously approved a resolution proposed by Board Vice Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, District 4, at its regular meeting this week endorsing the development of a countywide program that teaches safe bicycling skills.

“Children account for 37 percent of all bicycling injuries in Miami-Dade County. Statistics show that an educated bicyclist, following bike safety skills and the rules of the road, can reduce their chances of being involved in an accident by 80 percent,” said Ms. Hantman, a long-time advocate of children’s safety.

The University of Miami Miller School of Medicine/WalkSafe Program in partnership with the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Public Schools Community Traffic Safety Team and the Miami-Dade County Department of Parks and Recreation is developing the BikeSafe Program initiative. The program’s goal is to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities and promote bicycling as an active mode of transportation.

It is being based on the very successful WalkSafe program, which has reported a 40 percent decrease in pedestrian fatalities in the county since its inception.

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