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The School Board of Miami-Dade County

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SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TWO ITEMS PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR PROMOTING SAFETY THROUGH THE 'WALKSAFE' PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM, TEEN DRIVING SKILLS

The School Board unanimously approved two items proposed by School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at its regular meeting. The items, which promote awareness about pedestrian safety among students, parents and schools and encourage year-round teen driver safety skills, are among the subjects dear to Ms. Hantman.

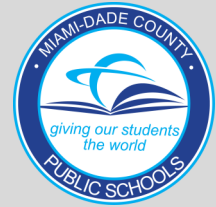
"I am proud to bring forward initiatives that help promote safety throughout the District both for student pedestrians and high school-aged drivers," said Ms. Hantman.

The Board voted to:

- Promote student pedestrian safety by endorsing the participation of Miami-Dade County Public Schools in the International "Walk to School Month" planned during October 2011.
- Endorse the week of October 16-22, 2011 as National Teen Driver Safety Week and encourage year-round teen driver safety skills at all District senior high schools.



School Board Chair presents a proclamation to Ms. Lisa K. Wiggins, Principal of Flamingo Elementary School. This Elementary School will host the Walk our Children to School Month/Walk Safe activities.



Upcoming Dates to Note:

August School Board Meeting
August 3, 2011

First Day of School
August 22, 2011

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

North Twin Lakes Elementary- will be having an "Opening of School Orientation" on **August 20, 2011** from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

West Hialeah Gardens Elementary School will be holding a Kindergarten Orientation on **August 17, 2011** at 6:30 p.m. Additionally, the school will hold an Open Campus on **August 20, 2011** from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with a New Student Orientation from 11:00 a.m. - noon. Parents and students will be given the opportunity to locate their child's classroom and tour the building on this date.

Ben Sheppard Elementary School will be hosting a "Meet Your Teacher" activity for all grade levels on **August 19, 2011**. Grades Pre-K through 2nd can come from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., and grades 3 through 5 can come from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Palm Springs North will be hosting a Meet and Greet for teachers, parents and students on **August 20, 2011** from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy will hold an Opening of School Orientation on **August 20, 2011** at 10:00 a.m. for 6th and 9th Grade and 12:00 p.m. for 7th and 8th Grade.

These activities will help make the first day of school go smoothly. Good Luck!

District 4 School Highlights

- The Miami Lakes Middle School band performed for the Florida Band Masters Association and received a Superior rating. Forty-four out of the sixty - two students that performed had never played or studied their instrument before the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. It was an amazing performance.
- Palm Springs North had a very successful summer camp. Students participated in dance classes, educational field trips, field days, career events and hands on science presentations.
- Hialeah Gardens Elementary School received a donation from the City of Hialeah Gardens to have the entire school go wireless.
- Twin Lakes Elementary School had the highest student attendance rate in the district among all district elementary schools.
- Ms. Hope Wilcox, student at Miami Lakes Educational Center is now the new student advisor to the School Board.

CONGRATULATIONS!