



## Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

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#### SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN LEAD CHILDREN'S SAFETY WALK "INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH"

Miami-Dade County School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman lead students, teachers, parents, concerned citizens, and community leaders in "Walk to School" safety activities at Flamingo Elementary School.

"International Walk to School Month" 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. Over the past 15 years the event has grown from a one-day program to a month-long celebration, with over 4 million participants in approximately 40 countries.



Miami-Dade County School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman during the International Walk to School Celebration October 25, 2011 at Flamingo Elementary School



#### Upcoming Dates to Note:

##### Veterans' Day

November 11, 2011

##### School Board Organization Meeting & School Board Meeting

November 22, 2011

##### Thanksgiving Day

November 24, 2011

#### HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!



### District 4 School Highlights

- **Miami Lakes Educational Center's** Health Academy received national recognition by being awarded a Model Academy rating by the National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC). For years, students have been trained and prepared for work in the medical field, ranging from pharmacy, dental and nursing to EMT and first responder training. NCAC is comprised of educators, businesspersons and organizations representing career academies.
- Miami-Dade County School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman joined students, teachers and community leaders to promote Teen Driver Safety Week on October 21, 2011 at **Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High School**. Peer presentations and special guest speakers shared powerful testimonials on the dangers of reckless driving, including distracted driving. The event included a ceremonial pledge by all in attendance to "not text and drive."



#### "Cervantes Outstanding Educator Award"



Miami-Dade County School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman presented Mr. Joaquin P. Hernandez, Principal of Barbara Goleman Senior High School, with the "Cervantes Outstanding Educator Award" which is sponsored annually by The Fischler School of Education and Human Services, Nova Southeastern University to educators who have made significant contributions to promote excellence in the education of Hispanic students. The awards ceremony took place on October 20, 2011 at the Hilton Miami Airport Hotel.