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SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TWO ITEMS PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR, ENCOURAGING STUDENT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INITIATIVES AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE "HIALEAH HEALTHY FAMILIES" INITIATIVE TO COMBAT CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

The School Board unanimously approved two items proposed by School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at its regularly scheduled meeting. The items, which endorsed the 2011 Welcome Back to School Safety Flyer for distribution during the first week of school and the Hialeah Healthy Families initiative to combat childhood obesity, sponsored by the City of Hialeah are part of Ms. Hantman's student safety and wellness initiatives.

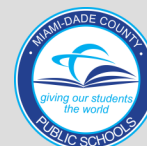
"Childhood obesity has reached widespread proportions in the nation with the number of overweight children and adolescents more than tripling in the past 30 years," said Ms. Hantman.

The Board voted to:

- Endorse the 2011 Welcome Back to School Safety Flyer, promoting student pedestrian/bicycle safety at the elementary, middle and high school levels.
- Endorse of the "Hialeah Healthy Families" initiative to combat childhood obesity, sponsored by the City of Hialeah .



School Board Chair addressing the audience at The Superintendent's Opening of Schools event which took place on Thursday, August 18, 2011, at Miami Edison Middle School.



Upcoming Dates to Note:

Labor Day-Holiday
September 5, 2011

School Board Meeting & Second Budget Public Hearing
September 7, 2011

Teacher Planning Day
September 29, 2011

HAVE A SAFE LABOR DAY



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PHOTOS



District 4 School Highlights

- **Twin Lakes Elementary School** has been selected to be part of the Federal Government's "Fresh Fruit and Vegetable" Grant Program for the 2011-2012 school year. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) provides children in participating elementary schools with a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables at no cost. Additionally, the school has been awarded a \$10,000 grant to implement an "Eagles to Einstein" Science Program for the 2011-2012 school year. The grant will allow students to participate in a science education project and will include parent involvement activities.
- **Hialeah Gardens Senior High School** held an informational meeting for parents regarding dual enrollment in the Hialeah Gardens High School Auditorium. Parents were informed of the new course offerings and opportunities in partnership with Miami Dade College and Florida International University (FIU). Incoming juniors and seniors will be able to earn college credit during the school day as well as after school.
- **West Hialeah Gardens Elementary School** was the recipient of the BRONZE National Recognition Award from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, founded by the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation. To earn this award, the school had to revamp their meal service and physical activity programs to meet or exceed stringent standards set by the Alliance for Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program.
- **John G. DuPuis Elementary School** will be joining the Passport to the Arts program for the 2011-2012 school- year. Passport to the Arts is an innovative educational program designed to improve reading and mathematics performance in third grade through an interdisciplinary curriculum.