



Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

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THE MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED THREE ITEMS PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

The School Board unanimously approved three items proposed by Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at its regular meeting this week. The items endorse the addition of schools to the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program; March 18-24, 2012 as National Poison Prevention Week; and April 22-28, 2012 as Administrative Professionals Week and April 25, 2012 as Administrative Professionals Day.

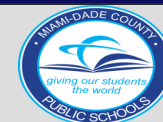
"The Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant Program enables and encourages children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school, by making pedestrian routes safer and more appealing," said Ms. Hantman. "Of the more than two million poisonings that occur each year in the United States, about 90 percent occur in the home among children younger than six.

The Board voted to:

- endorse additional schools for submittal under the Safe Routes to School infrastructure grant program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- endorse National Poison Prevention Week, March 18-24, 2012 and recognize the winners of the 2012 Senior High School Safety Poster Contest, highlighting the dangers of teen driving while impaired.
- endorse April 22-28, 2012 as Administrative Professionals Week and April 25, 2012 as Administrative Professionals Day.



"During a press conference held at Barbara Goleman Senior High Schools, officials from Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) and the College Board unveiled the new and unique **AP | Cambridge Capstone Program and Credential** pilot program scheduled to begin this fall at four M-DCPS senior high schools: Barbara Goleman, Miami Palmetto, Southridge, and North Miami Beach Senior High Schools. In this picture, School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman is joined at the press conference by Mr. Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Joaquín Hernández, Principal of Barbara Goleman Senior High School."



Upcoming Dates to Note:

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month

April 1-30



Teacher Planning Day

April 6, 2012

School Board Meeting

April 18, 2012

Earth Day

April 22, 2012

Administrative Professionals Day

April 25, 2012

Students at Spanish Lake Elementary Celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 2, 2012



District 4 School Highlights

- **American Senior High School** received a donation from Fortis College as part of a larger effort by the college to donate funds to selected schools that have demonstrated how the money will be used to boost graduation rates. According to the terms of the donation, the money can only be used for anything that will help students graduate on time.
- **Hialeah Gardens Senior High School's** basketball team has won the Class 8A State Championship. Opened in 2008, Hialeah Gardens became the first team in any sport in Miami-Dade County to win a state championship in just its first four years of existence and the first all Hispanic team to win the title.
- **Miami Lakes Educational Center**— Two seniors have received the 2012 South Florida Affiliate (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing and another one of their students was a runner up. The award, sponsored by Microsoft, Motorola Solutions Foundation, and the National Center for women and Information Technology (NCWIT), recognizes young high school women for their computing-related achievements and interests as part of an effort to encourage more young women to choose careers in technology.
- **Bob Graham Education Center**— A display case displaying memorabilia attesting to the many years of great public work by Senator Bob Graham was revealed on March 28, 2012. Senator Graham was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1966. He was then elected to the Florida Senate in 1970 and at the time of his retirement had served 38 consecutive years in public office.