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BOARD CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, SCHOOL BOARD VOTES TO PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE 2012 COLLEGE FAIR

As proposed by School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, District 4, the Miami-Dade School Board voted unanimously to authorize the Superintendent to promote and encourage participation in the 2012 Miami National College Fair, set for Sunday, February 19, 2012, at the Doubletree Miami Mart Airport Hotel.

"The College Fair is a wonderful way for students and their parents to become informed about all the educational opportunities and choices available for higher education," said Ms. Hantman, who has co-chaired the fair's local committee for 16 consecutive years.

Representatives from more than 150 colleges and universities will be at the fair to provide information about admissions, financial aid, entrance exams and other related topics. The fair will take place on Sunday, February 19, 2012, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Doubletree Miami Mart Airport Hotel, 777 N.W. 72nd Avenue, Miami. This event is sponsored by Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC).

For more information, visit the fair's website, www.nacacnet.org or call the College Fair Hotline at 305-995-1739.



2012 Miami National College Fair



Upcoming Dates to Note:

Teacher Planning Day
February 3, 2012

School Board Meeting
February 15, 2012

All Presidents Day Holiday
February 20, 2012

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY !



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District 4 School Highlights

- Palm Springs North Elementary School** will be hosting two important events simultaneously on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 6:30pm, The FCAT Parent Meeting and Family Night. The FCAT Parent Meeting will take place in the PSN Cafetorium. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the parents of students in grades 3 – 5 with essential information concerning the FCAT. While parents are attending this meeting, their children will have the opportunity to attend Family Night. Family Night is open to the entire PSN student body and their families. This activity will take place in the M-Center, and will include many exciting and enjoyable events such as: entertainment by a clown, performances by students attending the community school classes, displays and showcases by neighboring businesses, raffles, games, and food.
- Henry H. Filer Middle School** is working together with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation to encourage healthy eating and physical activities to all students and staff. This past summer, the school was nationally recognized by the Alliance for their effort in promoting these practices, and awarded two grants to further promote this cause. Fruits of this effort have been the recent opening of a wellness center for staff members, the substitution of common cafeteria foods for healthier alternatives, the purchasing of materials to supplement health-related units in the curriculum, and the creation of an incentive program to support healthier living.
- Miami Lakes Middle School** brought home first place in the We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution State Competition held in Orlando, Florida, January 13, 2012. Miami Lakes Middle School was one of only two middle schools invited by special invitation to compete in what is traditionally a high school competition. We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution, sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, is a yearly competition for American high school students. The competition is styled as a congressional hearing. Miami Lakes Middle School's Civic Education Academy students work year round for this competition.