



Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

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THE MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES THREE ITEMS PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN PROMOTING SAFETY THROUGH THE 'WALKSAFE' PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM, RECOGNIZING THE STUDENT WINNERS OF THE SIFMA FOUNDATION'S STOCK MARKET GAME AND JOSÉ MARTÍ MAST 6-12 ACADEMY AS THE EMI SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

The School Board unanimously approved three items proposed by School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at its regular meeting. The items promote awareness about pedestrian safety among students, parents and schools; recognize student team winners from two Miami-Dade County public schools; and also honor a 6th-12th grade academy that recently was recognized for its innovations.

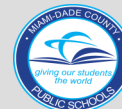
"I am proud to bring forward an initiative that helps promote safety throughout the District for student pedestrians," said Ms. Hantman. "It also gives me great pleasure to introduce the outstanding student Stock Market Game winners from two of our schools, and also to recognize the José Martí MAST 6-12 Academy for being named school of the year by the City of Hialeah."

The Board voted to:

- Promote student pedestrian safety and awareness of safe routes to school by endorsing the participation of Miami-Dade County Public Schools in the International "Walk to School Day" planned during October 3, 2012.
- Recognize the student winners of the SIFMA Foundation's Stock Market Game:
- **Elementary School division:** Sofia Diaz, Nimrod Espinoza, and Divany Gil from Miami Lakes K-8 Center were named first-place winners.
- **High School division – South:** Karol Diaz, Stephanie Castro, Tania Barberena, and Monica Moniz-DaSilva from South Miami Senior High School were named first-place winners.
- **High School division – South:** Sarahi Hassan, Melissa Gonzalez, Ashley Diaz, Brandon Gomez, Mario Alvarado, and Daniela Garcia from South Miami Senior were named second-place winners.
- South Miami Senior student, Anigladys Mesa, was named the Spring 2012 State Winner of InvestWrite, a national writing competition produced by The Stock Market Game program.
- Recognize José Martí MAST 6-12 Academy as the 2011-2012 Education, Merit, and Inspiration (EMI) Awards School of the Year.

District 4 School Highlights

- **John G. DuPuis Elementary School** - A butterfly garden was donated to John G. DuPuis Elementary School through a grant from Miami-Dade College. Student volunteers helped clear the area and plant native plants to attract a variety of butterflies. A wooden bench was also donated for observers.
- **Ben Sheppard Elementary** - Students attending Camp SOAR (Summer Opportunities in Academics and Recreation) started their summer of fun on June 11, 2012. Activities include arts and crafts, field-trips, dress-up days, special events, indoor and outdoor games, and an academic component. Each day students in the camp program complete a session of Reading and a session of Math using the new SuccessMaker program. Students' scores are tracked daily. At the end of the camp program, scores will be analyzed to determine students' progress in Reading and Math over the nine weeks of the camp program.



Upcoming Dates to Note:

Independence Day

July 4, 2012



School Board Meeting

July 18, 2012

Commencement
Ceremonies
Congratulations
to the Class of
2012 !

