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THE MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES THREE ITEMS PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, 2012 SENIOR HIGH SAFETY CAMPAIGN WINNERS AND ENDORSING A WATER SAFETY CAMPAIGN

The School Board unanimously approved three items proposed by Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at its regular meeting on May 16, 2012. The items recognized the members of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation, the six winners of the annual Senior High School Student Safety Campaign, and endorsed a year-round water safety campaign.

"I commend the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation for filing legislation in support of the School Board's legislative priority positions, and never wavering in its commitment to provide increased funding for PreK-12 education," said Ms. Hantman. Congratulations to the six Senior High Safety Campaign winners for their creativity and inspirational messages geared to their peers. Additionally, water safety awareness is crucial in South Florida, where many children are exposed to pools and open bodies of water. Local health agencies formed the Miami-Dade County Drowning Prevention Coalition to provide a centralized resource of information and programs related to water safety.



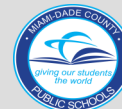
Members of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation being recognized for their support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools during the 2012 Legislative Session.

The Board voted to:

- Recognize the members of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation for their support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools during the 2012 Legislative Session.
- Recognize the six winners of the 2012 Senior High School Student Safety Campaign Contest sponsored by the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority, and the School District to promote pedestrian and vehicle driver safety at the senior high level:
 - **Poster Contest** – Jonnie Piñon from Miami Senior High – First Place Winner, Vinh Vo from Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High Biscayne Bay – Second Place Winner, Tacia Diaz from Doral Academy Charter Senior High – Third Place Winner
 - **PSA Contest** – Manuel Lopez from Miami Senior High – First Place Winner, Antony Alvarez from Coral Reef Senior High – Second Place Winner, Stephan Reese from Robert Morgan Educational Center – Third Place Winner
- Endorse a year-round water safety awareness campaign, in partnership with Miami-Dade County Health Agencies.

District 4 School Highlights

- **West Hialeah Gardens Elementary School** recently held its annual Career Day. The school had over 50 guests presenting the details of their careers and highlighting the importance of the education and training necessary for success in the world of work. Some of the guests who took time out of their busy schedules included the city of Hialeah Gardens Police Department, Miami-Dade Fire Department, Miami-Dade County Juvenile Justice Department, as well as professionals such as an orthodontist, attorneys, doctors, and nurses.
- **Miami Lakes K-8 Center** was selected to participate in a special Bicycle Safety Presentation conducted by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Department. Officers talked about bicycle safety and distributed free bicycle helmets custom fitted for each child. Safety tips were shared and literature was given to the students.
- **Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy** has been selected by the City of Hialeah as the "2011-2012 Education, Merit and Inspiration (EMI) Awards School of the Year". The EMI Awards recognize principals, assistant principals, special area teachers, teachers, schools, students, clerical staff, custodial workers and parents who give the best of themselves every day in the area of education.
- **Miami Lakes Middle School** - Selected students from the Miami Lakes Warrior Band participated in the Miami-Dade Mayor's Honors World Ensemble on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at Miami Dade College North Campus. Students had the opportunity to attend three day Maestro Sessions with world-renowned musical experts.



Upcoming Dates to Note:

Last Day of School
June 7, 2012

School Board Meeting
June 13, 2012

Congratulations to the Class of 2012



Celebration of the 20th of May, Cuba's Independence Day at M.A. Milam K-8 Center

