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THE MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN RECOGNIZING POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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The School Board unanimously approved a resolution proposed by Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman recognizing the three winners of the 2012 WalkSafe Poster Contest, which is among the subjects near and dear to Ms. Hantman.

"I would like to congratulate the three student winners of the WalkSafe Poster Contest whose works of art help promote safety throughout the District," said Ms. Hantman.

This year, the contest was very competitive, with 91 elementary schools from seven different counties submitting entries. Representatives from WalkSafe's partnering agencies conducted adjudication of the posters. Miami-Dade County students placed first in two of the three statewide grade level categories:

Grades K-1: Nicole Gonglewski, first-grade student from Howard Drive Elementary School (also a state winner in her grade category)

Grades 2-3: Natalia Miguel, second-grade student from Doral Academy Elementary School (also a state winner in her grade category)

Grades 4-5: Brandon Ysibido, fourth-grade student from Ernest R Graham K-8 Center

The WalkSafe Program was developed by the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine to improve pedestrian safety and health for elementary school children on a statewide level. The WalkSafe educational component involves a three-day curriculum, which is designed to teach students safe walking skills, and is taught to coincide with the annual Walk to School events during the month of October.

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