

THE MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED THREE ITEMS PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN ENDORSING TWO NATIONAL SAFETY INITIATIVES AND A WEEK-LONG EVENT HONORING SUPPORT STAFF

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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The School Board unanimously approved three items proposed by Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at its regular meeting this week. The items endorse March 17-23, 2013 as National Poison Prevention Week; April 21-27, 2013 as Administrative Professionals Week and April 24, 2013 as Administrative Professionals Day; and recognize the Tobacco-Free Work Group for its efforts to enhance the district's year-round awareness campaign.

"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," said Ms. Hantman. "I would like to commend the Tobacco-Free Work Group for partnering with the School District to promote a tobacco-free society at our middle and high school levels. We also join millions of people worldwide in recognizing Administrative Professionals in the month of April."

The Board voted to:

- endorse National Poison Prevention Week, March 17-23, 2013.
- endorse April 21-27, 2013 as Administrative Professionals Week and April 24, 2013 as Administrative Professionals Day.
- recognize the Tobacco-Free Work Group, created by the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade County, for their efforts to enhance the District's year-round awareness campaign promoting "tobacco-free kids" via Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Clubs.