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AS PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, SCHOOL BOARD VOTED TO RECOGNIZE THE 2012-2013 PARAPROFESSIONAL/SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR WINNER AND THE 2012-2013 OFFICE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR WINNER

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## *NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN*

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As proposed by Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, the Miami-Dade School Board unanimously voted to recognize Sara Blanton, the 2012-2013 Paraprofessional/School Support Personnel of the Year winner, and Michelle C. Benz, the 2012-2013 Office Employee of the Year winner.

"For the past 26 years, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has been honoring the contributions of the most outstanding Office Employee and Paraprofessional/School Support Personnel of the Year," said Ms. Hantman. "Sara Blanton and Michelle Benz are to be commended for their dedication to the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools."

Ms. Blanton, a registrar at Miami MacArthur South Senior High School, has worked for the District for 19 years. She has assisted the Principal with building the Master Schedule, maintaining categorical updates of curriculum courses for middle and high school students, and with day-to-day communications with outreach programs for students.

Ms. Benz is an athletic trainer at Miami Palmetto Senior High School and has worked for the District for 16 years. She is responsible for providing services and event coverage to Palmetto High School's 33 sports teams, where she coordinates the sports medical program, sponsors the sports medicine club, and teaches the courses on the care and prevention of athletic injuries.

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