



**Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair**

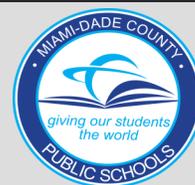
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**2013 SALES TAX HOLIDAY  
AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 4, 2013**



The School Board unanimously approved three items proposed by Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at its regularly scheduled meeting. The first agenda item approved the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Miami-Dade County to secure the services of the Inspector General. "I believe that we have been served very well by the Inspector General's office and the School Board agreed unanimously to approve a second amendment, extending the ILA for an additional three-year period through December 2016," said Ms. Hantman.

The second item endorsed the 2013 Welcome Back to School Safety Flyer for distribution during the first week of school. "Don't Text and Drive" is one of several safety tips mentioned in the flyer. Effective October 1, 2013, texting while driving is prohibited by state law and is considered a secondary violation. A motorist may be fined for texting if pulled over on another offense. Once stopped, a driver could receive two tickets, one for the first infraction and one for texting. Texting and driving while committing a moving violation within a school zone will result in two points added to the offender's driver license record, in addition to the points for moving violation.

The third item authorized the Superintendent to utilize the District's communication resources to raise community awareness of Florida's upcoming sales tax holiday. "Many families may not be aware that the Legislature has extended sales tax exemptions to include a number of technological learning tools that students will find useful in today's digital learning environments." said Ms. Hantman.

**Upcoming Dates to Note:**

**School Board Meeting**  
August 7, 2013

**First Day of School**  
August 19, 2013



**Performance Pay Recognition Ceremony For Principals And Assistant Principals Held July 11, 2013, At The School Board Administration Building Auditorium**

**District 4 School Highlights**

- **North Twin Lakes Elementary School** - The Annual Reading Literacy Camp, a partnership between Florida International University and North Twin Lakes Elementary provided free intensive tutoring to their students for nearly three weeks this summer. Students received one-on-one direct instruction from teachers working on their master's degree in reading. As summer continues, staff has been working with students to provide them with enrichment materials in reading and math to ensure they are prepared for the curriculum they will face in the upcoming school year.
- **Twin Lakes Elementary School** opened its doors to students from 16 elementary schools in the District. Third graders from both traditional and charter schools were given four weeks of reading instruction to help give them a head start for the upcoming school year.



- **Bob Graham Education Center** will host their annual Meet and Greet this year on August 8th and August 16th. This will provide an opportunity to meet the new principal Mrs. Yecenia Martinez-Lopez, as well as, get the latest news on all of the exciting things that are planned for the 2013-2014 school year.

