



# Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

## The School Board of Miami-Dade County

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### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES THREE ITEMS PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN RECOGNIZING POSTER CONTEST WINNERS, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL INITIATIVES

The School Board unanimously approved three items proposed by Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at the regularly scheduled Board meeting. The items honor a national children's initiative, a global environmental program, and recognize the three winners of the 2012 WalkSafe Poster Contest, which is among the subjects near and dear to Ms. Hantman.

The Board voted to:

- Proclaim April 2013 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.
- Proclaim April 22, 2013 as Earth Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
- Recognize Poster Contest winners Nicole Gonglewski, 1st grade student from Howard Drive Elementary School (also a state winner in her grade category), Natalia Miguel, second-grade student from Doral Academy Elementary School (also a state winner in her grade category), Brandon Ysibido, fourth-grade student from Ernest R. Graham K-8 Center.



National Teacher of the Year Finalist Alex Lopes, School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, State of Florida Outstanding Principal of the Year Dr. Pablo Ortiz, and Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year Dr. Denise Barrett-Johnson



### Upcoming Dates to Note:

**March is Arts in Our Schools Month and Florida Bike Month**

**School Board Meeting**  
March 13, 2013

**St. Patrick's Day**  
March 17, 2013



**Teacher Planning Day**  
March 22, 2013

**Spring Recess**  
March 25 - 29, 2013

### 2013 Miami National College Fair



Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair, along with Superintendent of Schools Alberto M. Carvalho as they officially open the 2013 National College Fair

## District 4 School Highlights

- **Amelia Earhart Elementary School** is the proud recipient of a grant from The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Foundation, as part of their Embrace a Healthy Florida Initiative. The grant was awarded to address and enhance children's health and wellness through nutrition, fitness programs, and target work in the Hialeah Healthy Families Call to Action Initiative.
- Chess Team students from **John G. DuPuis Elementary School** competed on Saturday, February 9, 2013, in the Title I North District K-12 Chess Tournament at North Miami Senior High School. The school received third place in the following categories: K-1, 2-3, and 4-5.
- **West Hialeah Gardens Elementary School** had two of their students, Anglica Abadia, a fourth grader and Nathaly Dominguez, a third grader selected to have their artwork displayed at the upcoming Miami-Dade County Youth Fair. Additionally, Natalie's artwork was selected as the first place winner in the third grade division of all participating elementary schools.
- The **Hialeah Gardens Middle School** Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) clubs both won District competitions recently, and will be attending State Competitions next month.

