



*Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair*

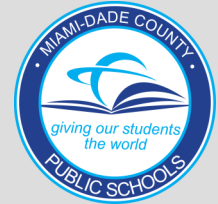
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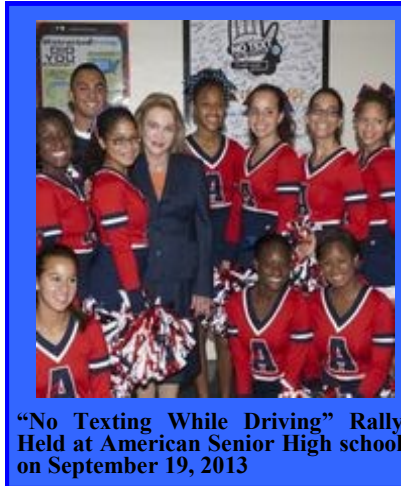
**THE NEW NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING LAW IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA BECOMES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013**



The School Board unanimously approved three items proposed by School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at its regular meeting.

The Board voted to:

- Encourage teen drivers and the community at large to take the National “No Texting While Driving” pledge on September 19, 2013 and to make a lifelong commitment to never text while driving. “I am encouraging all drivers in the community, particularly our student drivers to visit [www.itcanwait.com](http://www.itcanwait.com) to take the pledge to not text while driving,” said Ms. Hantman. “Motorists who send text messages while driving not only jeopardize their own safety, but also the safety of passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers.”
- Endorse October 20-26, 2013 as National Teen Driver Safety Week, and encouraging year-round teen driver safety skills.
- Endorse October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools.



“No Texting While Driving” Rally Held at American Senior High school on September 19, 2013

**Upcoming Dates to Note:**

**International Walk to School Celebration at Ernest R Graham K-8 Center**  
October 8, 2013



**School Board Meeting**  
October 16, 2013

**Teen Driver Safety Event at Barbara Goleman Senior High School**  
October 17, 2013

**Teacher Planning Day**  
October 25, 2013

**Halloween**  
October 31, 2013



**District 4 School Highlights**

- **Meadowlane Elementary School** has a new Science Lab. Students have been learning about the Scientific method using hands-on labs and everyday objects to learn about their world.



- **Hialeah Gardens Senior High School** - On September 11, 2013, the school’s Key Club helped to preserve the memory of the lives lost during the 9/11 attacks. A flag activity was held during lunch which had a number of students working as one to create an immense ribbon display consisting of hundreds of small American flags.



On September 18, 2013, The Latin Builders Association (LBA) held a dedication ceremony of the LBA Construction and Business Management Academy High School in Hialeah. School Board Chair, Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, School Board Member, Mr. Carlos Curbelo, Superintendent of Schools Alberto M. Carvalho and Principal of LBA Academy, Ms. Gyovania Marante joined the LBA Board for this momentous occasion.