

MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES THREE ITEMS PROPOSED BY BOARD CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN THAT RECOGNIZED THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, EXPLORED THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING THE SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUTER SERVICES SCHOOL POOL PROGRAM, AND ENDORSED A TOOL THAT PROMOTES WALK AND BIKE-FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

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The School Board unanimously approved three items proposed by Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at its regular meeting last week. The members of the 2014 Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation were recognized for helping secure fair and equitable funding for the school district.

“I commend the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation for its unwavering support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and for boosting education funding by \$574 million,” said Ms. Hantman.

The Board voted to explore the feasibility of implementing the South Florida Commuter Services’ School Pool Program, a free service, to alleviate traffic congestion around schools and increase traffic safety. The free service already benefits more than 50 schools in South Florida.

The Board also endorsed the 5-E School Assessment Tool developed by the University of Miami WalkSafe and BikeSafe programs. Six schools were recognized for their participation in the pilot program: Lawton Chiles Middle, Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center, North Dade Middle, Carrie P. Meek/Westview K-8 Center, Nathan B. Young Elementary and Dr. Robert B. Ingram Elementary.

“As an advocate of student safety, I commend both of these programs for promoting safety and encouraging students and their families to carpool, bicycle or walk to and from school with other children,” Ms. Hantman noted.

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