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2014 Sales Tax Holiday August 1-3, 2014

The Miami-Dade School Board unanimously approved four items proposed by School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman at its regular meeting. The items recognized the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation; explored the feasibility of implementing the South Florida Commuter Services School Pool Program; endorsed a tool that promotes walk and bike-friendly schools and to raise community awareness of the State's upcoming sales tax holiday set for August 1-3, 2014.



School Board Chair, Perla Tabares Hantman Presented a Resolution Recognizing the Members of The Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation at the June 18, 2014, School Board Meeting

The Board voted to:

- Recognize the Members of the 2014 Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation for helping secure fair and equitable funding for the School District.
- Explore the feasibility of implementing the South Florida Commuter Services' School Pool Program, to alleviate traffic congestion around schools and increase traffic safety. The Program utilizes ride-match software to promote carpooling and walking or biking to school, and has been proven successful at many schools in South Florida.
- Endorse 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.

- Have the District inform the community about the three-day tax-free weekend that was authorized by the Florida Legislature for basic school supplies, clothing and certain electronic equipment in anticipation of the new school year.

"The upcoming sales tax holiday is a good opportunity for families to be able to save personal funds for the new school year. The District will inform as many families as possible so that the community may benefit from this sales tax holiday," said Ms. Hantman.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Independence Day
July 4, 2014



School Board Meeting
July 16, 2014

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Project SEARCH Annual End-Of-Year Celebration Held on June 5, 2014, at the Milander Center for Arts and Entertainment



Project SEARCH is a unique High School Transition, business led, one year school-to-work program that takes place entirely at the workplace. Total workplace immersion facilitates a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands-on training through worksite rotations. The goal for each student participant is competitive employment. The program provides real-life work experience combined with training in employability and independent living skills to help youths with significant disabilities make successful transitions from school to a productive adult life. Project SEARCH model involves an extensive period of training and career exploration, innovative adaptations, long-term job coaching, and continuous feedback from teachers, job coaches, and employers.