

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-063 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROMOTING STUDENT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BY ENDORSING THE PARTICIPATION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE "WALK OUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DAY" PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTING THE "WALKSAFE" PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM CURRICULUM DURING THE WEEK OF THE EVENT

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

International "Walk Our Children to School Day," planned for Wednesday, October 6, 2010, promotes pedestrian safety education and awareness for the benefit of students who walk to school every day. The nationwide observance is designed to promote awareness about pedestrian safety among students, parents, and schools. The program increases the awareness of safe routes to school for students and parents, safe walking skills, as well as walking as exercise that promotes good health and physical fitness, which in turn combats childhood obesity. The program is environmentally friendly by reducing pollution and school-related traffic and reinforces the importance of reducing traffic speed and obeying the school speed zone limits.

The Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee have endorsed "Walk Our Children to School Day," which is sponsored nationwide by the National SAFE KIDS Coalition. According to the MPO, 171 children under the age of 15 were injured and one child was killed in 2008, as a direct result of pedestrian accidents in Miami-Dade County. Sadly, these numbers represent an increase in injuries as compared to 2007.

In conjunction with this program, it is recommended that the "WalkSafe" pedestrian safety program curriculum be implemented to coincide with the "Walk Our Children to School Day" event. "WalkSafe" was created and implemented by the Ryder Trauma Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine/Jackson Memorial Medical Center to reduce pediatric pedestrian injuries and fatalities. Both programs are of no cost to the District.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-063 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, promoting student pedestrian safety by endorsing the participation of Miami-Dade County Public Schools in the "Walk Our Children to School Day" program and implementing the "WalkSafe" pedestrian safety program curriculum during the week of the event.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROMOTING STUDENT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BY ENDORSING THE PARTICIPATION
OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE "WALK OUR CHILDREN TO
SCHOOL DAY" PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTING THE "WALKSAFE" PEDESTRIAN
SAFETY PROGRAM CURRICULUM DURING THE WEEK OF THE EVENT

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, promotes and encourages student pedestrian safety in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the international "Walk Our Children to School Day" program, which will be observed on October 6, 2010, increases the awareness of safe routes to school for students and parents and safe walking skills; and

WHEREAS, the program reinforces the importance of reducing traffic speed and obeying school speed zone limits; and

WHEREAS, "Walk Our Children to School Day" is environmentally friendly by reducing pollution and school-related traffic; and

WHEREAS, the program promotes walking as exercise for good health and physical fitness, which in turn combats childhood obesity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-063 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, promoting student pedestrian safety by endorsing the participation of Miami-Dade County Public Schools in the "Walk Our Children to School Day" program and implementing the "WalkSafe" pedestrian safety program curriculum during the week of the event.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this sixteenth day of June, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary