

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-097 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 INTERNATIONAL "WALK TO SCHOOL DAY," AND IMPLEMENTING THE "WALKSAFE" PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM CURRICULUM DURING THE FESTIVITIES

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

International "Walk to School Day," planned for October 3, 2012, promotes pedestrian safety education and awareness for the benefit of students who walk to school. Global observance is designed to promote awareness about pedestrian safety among students, parents, and schools. The program reinforces safe routes to schools and safe walking skills, as well as walking as exercise to combat childhood obesity. The program is environmentally friendly because it reduces pollution generated by school-related traffic, and reinforces the importance of reducing traffic speed and obeying the school zone limits.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee have endorsed the "Walk to School Day" event, which is also sponsored nationwide by the National SAFE KIDS Coalition. According to the MPO, 138 children under the age of 15 were injured and one child was killed in 2010, as a direct result of pedestrian accidents in Miami-Dade County. These numbers represent a decrease in injuries and fatalities as compared to 2009.

It is also recommended that the "WalkSafe" pedestrian safety program curriculum be implemented to coincide with the "Walk 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 operated at no cost to the District.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-097 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 International "Walk to School Day" program, and implementing the "WalkSafe" pedestrian safety program curriculum during the week of the event.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-097
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 INTERNATIONAL "WALK 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 to School Day" program, which will be observed on October 3, 2012, increases the awareness of safe routes to school and safe walking skills; and

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

WHEREAS, "Walk to School Day" is environmentally friendly because it reduces pollution generated by school-related traffic; and

WHEREAS, the program promotes walking as exercise to combat childhood obesity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-097 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 International "Walk 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 thirteenth day of June, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary