

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-086 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Miami-Dade County Public Schools will open its doors on Monday, August 22, 2016, to approximately 342,000 students to begin the 2016-2017 school year. Children scheduled to enter Kindergarten through 12th grade need to be properly immunized or they will not be allowed to enter school.

The month of August is National Immunization Awareness Month, a campaign devoted to increasing public knowledge, understanding the use of vaccines to protect children against life-threatening diseases, at local, state and national levels.

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) declared Immunizations as one of the top ten public health accomplishments of the 20th century. According to the CDC, vaccines prevent an estimated 2.5 million deaths among children younger than age five every year. Still, one child dies every 20 seconds from a disease that could have been prevented by a vaccine. One in five children worldwide do not have access to the life-saving immunizations that keep children healthy.

Our nation is still failing to meet the national public health goals of vaccination rates. To achieve the full potential of vaccines, this month Miami-Dade County Public Schools have an opportunity to inform and educate parents/guardians on the importance of vaccinations.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-086 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 16-086
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will open its doors on Monday, August 22, 2016, to approximately 342,000 students to begin the 2016-2017 school year; and

WHEREAS, the month of August is National Immunization Awareness Month, a campaign devoted to increasing public knowledge, understanding the use of vaccines to protect children against life-threatening diseases, at local, state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) declared Immunizations as one of the top ten public health accomplishments of the 20th century. According to the CDC, vaccines prevent an estimated 2.5 million deaths among children younger than age five every year. Still, one child dies every 20 seconds from a disease that could have been prevented by a vaccine. One in five children worldwide do not have access to the life-saving immunizations that keep children healthy; and

WHEREAS, our nation is still failing to meet the national public health goals of vaccination rates. To achieve the full potential of vaccines, this month Miami-Dade County Public Schools have an opportunity to inform and educate parents/guardians on the importance of vaccinations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-086 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

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

Presented this tenth day of August, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary