

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT RECOGNIZING
OCTOBER AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT**

October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This month is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. In 2016, an estimated 246,660 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 61,000 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer. About 2,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men in 2016.

Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death in women, and is the most common cancer diagnosed in women, other than skin cancer. Currently, one out of eight women in the United States has the chance of developing breast cancer. Mammograms, regular visits to the doctor, and self-examinations are critical to early detection, treatment and improved survival rates. There is a 98 percent chance of survival if breast cancer is detected early.

Since 1993, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer (MSABC) has been the American Cancer Society's rallying cry to raise awareness and dollars to fight breast cancer. Through the leadership of Miami-Dade County, MSABC walkers and supporters can be proud that their efforts are helping more than an estimated 3.1 million breast cancer survivors celebrate another birthday this year.

It is important to raise awareness in our community of breast cancer prevention and to recognize October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools. To help promote this initiative outreach events will be held throughout the District for teachers and support staff.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools.