

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE 11TH ANNUAL MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE, HORSE & CATTLE SHOW ON APRIL 13-15, 2018

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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The "2017 Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show", will be holding the 11th annual event, from April 14-16, 2017, at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center at Tropical Park.

The Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show was created by Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Senator Javier D. Souto. Since the inaugural event in 2008, this event has been a resounding success in our community, attracting an unprecedented average of 50,000 visitors along with trade missions and representatives from various countries that participate in the agriculture and cattle exposition every year. The event attracts agri-business interests from Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, and Australia.

Miami-Dade County's Agricultural industry is one the most diverse in the county. Employing more than 15,000 people and producing more than \$2.5 billion in economic impact a year. The county also ranks second in the State in the value of agricultural products and 22nd in the nation. It is also home to a vibrant equestrian industry, with its own unique area located in the Southwest part of the county, known as Horse Country.

Through a partnership with the Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show and Miami-Dade County Public Schools, our students and schools participate in the event to showcase their agricultural programs and products.

Among the wonderful district programs that will be showcased this year are: William Turner Technical Senior High School will be bringing their show lambs and cows, Hialeah Gardens Middle School will be exhibiting their zebu, Felix Varela Senior High School will be showcasing their dairy goats, and South Dade Senior High School and Redland Middle School will be displaying STEM related products and activities.

Since 2010, the Miami International Agriculture, Horse and Cattle Show helps support educational programs and services in our community for children with autism, through their partnership with the South Florida Autism Charter School (SFACS). This partnership provides educational services to approximately 250 children with autism in Miami-Dade County.

This item has been reviewed by the School Board Attorney's Office and approved for legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida Endorse The 11th Annual Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show on April 13-15, 2018.