

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENCOURAGE THE INCLUSION OF ETHICAL GOVERNANCE IN THE CURRICULUM AT ALL DISTRICT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

The Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (Ethics Commission) is dedicated to bolstering public trust in the administration of government by informing the public and private sectors about the laws and seeking strict compliance with them. Established in 1996, the Ethics Commission is an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers that extends to the municipalities of Miami-Dade County.

The Ethics Commission is committed to public education, training, and community outreach, including educational programs for students. As future voters and community leaders, the Ethics Commission recognizes the critical importance of providing students with the necessary tools to become responsible and ethical citizens. Through its “Model Student Ethics” program, the Ethics Commission has provided senior high school students with opportunities to analyze ethical dilemmas and to learn how to make ethical choices and decisions.

In the fall of 2012, the Ethics Commission further expanded its outreach programs for students by sponsoring the first “Ethical Governance Day” at each senior high school in the District. Building on this success, every year the Ethics Commission invites civic and community leaders, elected officials, academic and political professionals, attorneys, and other public servants to serve as guest speakers in American Government classes across the District.

This board item seeks to encourage the inclusion of Ethical Governance in the curriculum at all District senior high schools during the month of October.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney’s Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR

PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, encourage the inclusion of Ethical Governance in the curriculum at all District high schools during the month of October.