

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE NBC MIAMI HOMEROOM REFORMERS STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST SPONSORED BY NBC NEWS THROUGH THEIR EDUCATION NATION INITIATIVE**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

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

NBC 6 is sponsoring a Homeroom Reformers Student Essay Contest through their NBC News Education Nation Initiative. Education Nation seeks to engage the public, through thoughtful dialogue, in pursuit of the shared goal of providing every American with an opportunity to pursue the best education in the world.

At the classroom level, middle and senior high school students (over 13 years of age) living in South Florida will have the opportunity to submit innovative, creative and compelling ideas to address education reform in their schools. The goal is to encourage and nurture an emerging generation of leaders and innovators to make a meaningful difference in our local schools.

The contest will reward one student from the tri-county community (Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties) with a \$5,000 grant to fund a local education program of their choice in the public school they are attending. The contest period runs from September 26, 2010 through November 14, 2010, with announcement of the winner scheduled for December 15, 2010.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the NBC Miami Homeroom Reformers Student Essay Contest sponsored by NBC News through their Education Nation initiative, and encourage all eligible middle and senior high school students to participate.