

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF "ETHICAL GOVERNANCE DAY" IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SPONSORED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST**

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

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

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 extend 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 will further expand its outreach programs for students by sponsoring "Ethical Governance Day" at each senior high school in the District. The Ethics Commission is inviting various public agencies, professional associations, and private businesses to participate in the program. On "Ethical Governance Day," civic and community leaders, elected officials, academic and political professionals, attorneys, and other public servants will serve as guest speakers in American Government classrooms across the District. "Ethical Governance Day" will contribute to a robust dialog concerning the importance of citizenship and ethical governance in connection to the General Elections to be held on November 6, 2012. "Ethical Governance Day" is scheduled for October 12, 2012.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse "Ethical Governance Day" in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, sponsored by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, and encourage all senior high school students to participate.