

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-150
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH THROUGHOUT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

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

October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This month is dedicated to highlighting the importance of early detection of breast cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in women in the United States, surpassed only by lung cancer. ACS' 2011 Cancer Facts & Figures estimated 230,480 new cases of breast cancer among women in the United States, with 15,330 of those new cases among women in Florida alone, where 2,690 would succumb to the disease. Florida ranks second in the nation for the total number of loss of life from breast cancer in women. 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. Locally, through the leadership of Miami-Dade County, MSABC walkers and supporters can be proud that their efforts are helping more than an estimated 2.5 million breast cancer survivors celebrate another birthday this year.

It is important to draw attention to breast cancer prevention in our community 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 at all District schools for teachers and support staff. } Added

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-150 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-150
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, American Cancer Society's 2011 Cancer Facts & Figures estimated 230,480 new cases of breast cancer among women in the United States, with 15,330 of those new cases among women in the State of Florida alone, where 2,690 would succumb to the disease. Florida ranks second in the nation for the total number of loss of life from breast cancer in women; and

WHEREAS, currently one out of eight women in the United States has the chance of developing breast cancer in her lifetime. There is a 98 percent chance of survival if breast cancer is detected early; and

WHEREAS, 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. Locally, through the leadership of Miami-Dade County, MSABC walkers and supporters can be proud that their efforts are helping more than an estimated 2.5 million breast cancer survivors celebrate another birthday this year; and

WHEREAS, it is important to draw attention to breast cancer prevention in our community 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 at all District schools for teachers and support staff.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-150 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this tenth day of October, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary