

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF "ETHICAL GOVERNANCE DAY 2013" IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENT 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 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, the Ethics Commission is once again inviting various public agencies, professional associations, and private businesses to participate in the program. On "Ethical Governance Day 2013," 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 2013" will take place on October 22, 2013.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse "Ethical Governance Day 2013" to take place on October 22, 2013 in Miami-Dade County Public Schools sponsored by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust.