

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT RECOGNIZING  
NOVEMBER AS FLORIDA PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT  
MONTH THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS**

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

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

November is designated by the Florida Department of Education as Florida Parental Involvement Month. This observance is to celebrate the role parents play in their child's education.

It is proven that when schools work together with families to support learning, children are inclined to succeed not just in school but throughout life. Research shows that there is a direct connection between parental involvement and high student achievement, regardless of family income or background. Students with involved parents are more likely to have the following: better grades, stronger test scores, higher graduation rates, more consistent school attendance, increased motivation and self-esteem, lower rates of suspension, and fewer instances of violent behavior.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by both schools and families, as evidenced by the Board's policy on parent involvement and our long history of collaboration with parents. Additionally, our partnership with Florida PTA and the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs provides parents with the forum to advocate as one voice and collectively influence the decisions that affect their children.

As Miami-Dade County Public Schools prepares to observe Florida Parental Involvement Month, we hope all parents are encouraged to get involved, stay informed, and continue to make their children's education a top priority. A calendar of suggested daily activities parents can do with their children is available on the Office of Parental Involvement web site at <http://parents.dadeschools.net/>.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR**

**PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse November as Florida Parental Involvement Month throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools.