

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE 5-E SCHOOL ASSESSMENT TOOL DEVELOPED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI WALKSAFE® AND BIKESAFE® PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE WALK AND BIKE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS, AND RECOGNITION OF SIX SCHOOLS AWARDED CERTIFICATES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION**

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

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

The University of Miami WalkSafe® and BikeSafe® Programs have developed a pedestrian and bicycle assessment tool to rate how walk and bike friendly a school is based on the 5-E Model: Education, Engineering, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation. The Tool also promotes students walking and biking safely.

Based on the school's score, a Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Walk and Bike Friendly School Certificate will be awarded for each participating school year. The 5-E School Assessment Tool was first piloted in the Spring of 2014 with six Miami-Dade County Public Schools: Lawton Chiles Middle, Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center, North Dade Middle, Carrie P. Meek/Westview K-8 Center, Nathan B. Young Elementary, and Dr. Robert B. Ingram Elementary. The University of Miami WalkSafe® and BikeSafe® Programs, in collaboration with the School District, plan to continue to pilot the Tool with schools across Miami-Dade County over the next two years to determine the effectiveness of increasing the walking and biking friendliness of schools.

It is hoped that schools across the county and potentially the country will implement the Tool on a yearly basis and receive recognition for their efforts to promote children walking and biking safely.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the 5-E School Assessment Tool developed by the University of Miami WalkSafe® and BikeSafe® Programs to promote Walk and Bike friendly schools, and recognize six Miami-Dade County Public Schools who were awarded certificates for their participation.