

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION OF THE 2015 WALKSAFE STATEWIDE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The WalkSafe program, a part of the KiDZ Neuroscience Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, was developed to improve pedestrian safety and health for elementary school children on a statewide level. The WalkSafe educational component involves a three-day curriculum, which is designed to teach students safe walking skills, and is taught to coincide with the annual Walk to School events during the month of October.

This year the WalkSafe educational curriculum reached close to 120,000 students from 217 public school classrooms across Miami-Dade County with its pedestrian safety lessons. During the 2015-2016 school year students learned about safe street-crossing behaviors, traffic and pedestrian signs and signals, and the health benefits of walking daily. In addition to the curriculum, the WalkSafe team also hosted its annual Statewide Poster Contest to encourage students to promote key pedestrian safety lessons learned from the three-day educational program.

This year, the contest was very competitive with over 150 submissions from 71 elementary schools and K-8 Centers from Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Orange and Polk counties. Adjudication of the posters was conducted by the KiDZ Neuroscience Center.

The winners of the 2015 WalkSafe Statewide Poster Contest are:

Grades K-1: Giulia Guerra, 1st Grade, Oliver Hoover Elementary
Grades 2-3: Melanie Lopez, 2nd Grade, Southside Elementary
Grades 4-5: Marta Yavorsky, 5th Grade, Pinecrest Elementary

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize and congratulate the winners of the 2015 WalkSafe Statewide Poster Contest.