

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE "CLICK IT OR TICKET"  
NATIONAL SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT SAFETY  
CAMPAIGN, MAY 23 THROUGH JUNE 5, 2016**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

The U. S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (U.S. DOT), is mobilizing the national 2016 "Click It or Ticket" safety campaign, May 23 through June 5, 2016. The U.S. DOT is seeking support from its partners to help alert the public to prepare for high-visibility safety belt enforcement during the campaign. During this event, law enforcement agencies "buckle down" on enforcement in an effort to increase awareness and save lives. The use of seat belts is mandated by Florida Law.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has reported that while 88.5 percent of passenger vehicle occupants buckled up in 2015, almost 50 percent of occupants of fatal crashes nationwide were not restrained. In some states, the rate is as high as 70 percent unrestrained in fatal crashes. This fact gravely highlights the need for increased enforcement and awareness of seat belt use.

To advance this important safety initiative at Miami-Dade County Public Schools, it is recommended that the School Board endorse the "Click It or Ticket" Campaign, and encourage a year-round habit for students, parents and District employees to always buckle up when driving or riding as a passenger in a vehicle.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the U.S. Department of Transportation's "Click It or Ticket" National Seat Belt Enforcement Safety Campaign, May 23 through June 5, 2016, and encourage a year-round habit for students, parents and District employees to always buckle up when in a vehicle.