

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF NOVEMBER 17, 2016 AS NATIONAL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT DAY, AND ITS GOAL OF INCREASING OVERALL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH PARENT ENGAGEMENT, WITH YEAR-ROUND ENCOURAGEMENT THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

National Parental Involvement Day will be held this year on November 17, 2016. This initiative provides a yearly opportunity for schools and families to honor and highlight the powerful contributions parents and caregivers provide at school and home to support student success. Over thirty years of research indicates that when parents and caregivers are strategically involved in children's learning, student achievement significantly improves and schools are more effective.

An example of such active parental involvement includes hosting a "Dads Take Your Child to School Day", which was newly implemented by the Florida Department of Education to encourage fathers to become more involved in the education of their children. State-wide observance of this event was held on September 28, 2016, with 66 elementary schools throughout Miami-Dade County participating by inviting fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and other significant role models to take their children to school.

In addition to recognizing the role parents and caregivers play as invaluable allies in student success, secondary goals of this initiative include identifying parent and community volunteers whose efforts will help schools increase parent engagement, and strengthening the partnership between schools and parent teacher associations.

To advance this important initiative at Miami-Dade County Public Schools, it is recommended that the School Board endorse November 17, 2016, as National Parental Involvement Day, and encourage a year-round awareness of the invaluable role that parents, caregivers, and community volunteers play in supporting student learning.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR

PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse November 17, 2016 as National Parent Involvement Day and its goal of increasing overall student achievement through parent engagement, with year-round encouragement throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools.