

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF NOVEMBER 16, 2017 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 16, 2017. 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.

The district implements a framework of best practices and initiatives to assist in building family engagement at their schools. One example is the Florida Department of Education's "Dads Take Your Child to School Day", designed to encourage fathers stepfathers, grandfathers, and other significant role models to become more involved in the education of their children. State-wide observance of this event was held on September 27, 2017, with 120 elementary schools throughout Miami-Dade County participating.

In addition to recognizing the role parents and caregivers play as invaluable allies in student success, secondary goals of National Parental Involvement Day 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 16, 2017, 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  
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse November 16, 2017 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.