

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE 10TH ANNUAL
MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE, HORSE & CATTLE
SHOW ON APRIL 14-16, 2017**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED
STAKEHOLDERS**

The "2017 Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show", will be holding the 10TH annual event, from April 14-16, 2017, at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center at Tropical Park.

The Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show was created by Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Senator Javier D. Souto. Since the inaugural event in 2008, this event has been a resounding success in our community, attracting an unprecedented average of 40,000 visitors along with trade missions and representatives from various countries that participate in the agriculture and cattle exposition every year. The event attracts agri-business interests from Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, and Australia.

Miami-Dade County's Agricultural industry is one the most diverse in the county. Employing more than 20,000 people and producing more than \$2.7 billion in economic impact a year. The county also ranks second in the State in the value of agricultural products and 18th in the nation. It is also home to a vibrant equestrian industry, with its own unique area located in the Southwest part of the county, known as Horse Country.

Through a partnership with the Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show and Miami-Dade County Public Schools, our students and schools participate in the event to showcase their agricultural programs and products. Our district schools that participate every year are: Coconut Palm K-8 Center, Hialeah Gardens Middle School, Richmond Heights Middle School, Felix Varela Senior High School, Hialeah Gardens Senior High School, and South Dade Senior High School.

Among the wonderful district programs showcased, is Felix Varela Senior High School's dairy goats exhibit and educational displays. Additionally, South Dade Senior High School's "Future Farmers of America" participated and conducted informational sessions on the overview of the local agricultural industry in our community. This partnership aims at providing our students with Career Technical Education curricular connections.

Since 2010, the Miami International Agriculture, Horse and Cattle Show helps support educational programs and services in our community for children with autism, through their partnership with the South Florida Autism Charter School (SFACS). This partnership provides educational services to approximately 189 children with autism in Miami-Dade County.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida
Endorse The 10th Annual Miami International Agriculture,
Horse & Cattle Show on April 14-16, 2017.