

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

Co-Sponsors: Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Chair
 Ms. Susie Castillo, Board Member
 Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member } Added

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF APRIL 24-28, 2017,
 AS THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IN MIAMI-DADE
 COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

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Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes the responsibility we have to young children and their families to provide them with the adequate care and the education they deserve while supporting programs that are committed to providing high quality early childhood education. In 1971, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) established The Week of the Young Child creating early childhood programs and services towards the needs of children ranging from birth through age 8 and their families. This year, the Week of the Young Child is celebrated April 24-28, 2017.

Throughout the Week of the Young Child, many cities nationwide host a series of events for both parents and children. Events and celebrations are implemented by local communities providing services to young children and their families. This is an opportunity for early childhood programs across the country, including child care and Head Start programs, preschools, and elementary schools, to hold activities to bring awareness to the needs of young children.

In honor of the Week of the Young Child, the District is celebrating their first annual “Early Childhood Week” from April 3-7, 2017, a week-long celebration of early childhood programs in M-DCPS. The week promotes and showcases instruction that focuses on inclusion, social and emotional development, literacy, and parental involvement with suggested daily activities.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:** That The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida
 Endorse The Week of the Young Child, on April 24-28,
 2017.