

June 12, 2017

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT AND
EDUCATOR ARTS SHOWCASE**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has been committed to maintaining a robust program of arts education for all students. We have been steadfast in our commitment to keep art and music in our schools even during times of economic uncertainty, and with good reason. There has never been a time in history when the skills developed through arts education have been more critical to the future employability of students and the economic prosperity of our nation. The World Economic Forum has identified the top skills that employers will be looking for in 2020 which include creativity, emotional intelligence, and cognitive flexibility; all skills nurtured through exposure to and education in the arts.

Our community is rich in culture, diversity, and talent; as are our schools. In classrooms across this District there are award winning painters, writers, musicians, photographers, choreographers, performers, film makers, and other gifted artists teaching their craft. Each day they work to cultivate the creativity and imagination of the next generation. This talent should be on display for all to see and appreciate.

Art Basel and Art Miami will occur this year December 5 through December 10; a time when the global art community shines a spotlight on South Florida. These events provide a unique opportunity to create a comprehensive arts exhibition which would serve to showcase the talents of both M-DCPS students as well as our outstanding educators. Such an event could be hosted in Board-owned facilities located in and around the Art Basel/Art Miami venues and should include a cross-section of fine and performing arts disciplines. This showcase would serve to demonstrate not only the talent in our schools, but also the value of investing in arts education.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to develop a comprehensive student and educator arts showcase.