

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT RECOGNIZING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017, AS "DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO
SCHOOL DAY" THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

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

The Florida Department of Education has designated Wednesday, September 19, 2017, as "Dads Take Your Child to School Day." This day is intended to celebrate the significant difference fathers and father figures can make by taking a more active role in their children's educational experience. Research shows that when fathers, alongside mothers, play a more active role in a child's education, these children perform better academically; have fewer discipline problems; and become more responsible adults.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by both schools and families, as evidenced by the Board's policy on parent involvement and our long history of collaboration with parents. It is proven that when schools work together with families to support learning, children are inclined to succeed not just in school but throughout life.

As Miami-Dade County Public Schools prepares to observe "Dads Take Your Child to School Day," we encourage all fathers and/or male figures to get involved, stay informed, and continue to make children's education a top priority.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse September 19, 2017, as "Dads Take Your Child to School Day" throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools.