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SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF APRIL 8-12, 2019, AS THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) 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 eight, and their families. This year, the Week of the Young Child is celebrated April 8th through the 12th, 2019.

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 third annual “Early Childhood Week” from April 15th through the 19th, 2019, a week-long celebration of early childhood programs in M-DCPS. These programs include: Title I VPK with 3,649 students, Fee-Supported VPK with 1,062 students, Pre-K SPED with 3,799 students, Head Start with 1,935 students and Early Head Start with 192 students, with a total of 10,637 students enrolled. The week promotes and showcases instruction that focuses on language development, literacy, academic enrichment and parental engagement with suggested daily activities to ensure M-DCPS early childhood students have a successful transition to kindergarten.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida, endorse The Week of the Young Child, on April 8-12, 2019.