Office of School Board Members August 29, 2019
Board Meeting of September 4, 2019

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

Co-Sponsors: Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman
Dr. Steve Gallon III
Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas
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SUBJECT: **SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

COMMITTEE: **ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: **SAFE, HEALTHY & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This month is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. In 2019, an estimated 268,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 62,930 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer. About 2,670 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men in 2019.

Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death in women, and is the most common cancer diagnosed in women, other than skin cancer. Currently, one out of eight women in the United States has the chance of developing breast cancer. Mammograms, regular visits to the doctor, and self-examinations are critical to early detection, treatment and improved survival rates. There is a 98 percent chance of survival if breast cancer is detected early.

Since 1993, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer (MSABC) has been the American Cancer Society's rallying cry to raise awareness and dollars to fight breast cancer. Through the leadership of Miami-Dade County, MSABC walkers and supporters can be proud that their efforts are helping more than an estimated 3.1 million breast cancer survivors celebrate another birthday this year.

It is important to raise awareness in our community of breast cancer prevention and to recognize October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools. To help promote this initiative outreach events will be held throughout the District for teachers and support staff.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and request that the Superintendent distribute educational information throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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