Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of August 12, 2020

August 6, 2020

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

Co-Sponsors: Dr. Steve Gallon III, Vice Chair
Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall
Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman
Dr. Martin Karp
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SUBJECT: **SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2020**

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

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

Each year, Americans across the nation observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th to October 15th as a way to recognize the many contributions of Hispanic Americans to our history. During this month-long observance, Americans celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose forefathers came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

The observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and later was expanded in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988. The date of September 15th was chosen as the starting date for the observance because it is the anniversary of the independence of five Central American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their respective days of independence in September.

It is estimated that there are nearly 60 million people of Hispanic origin in the United States, making Hispanics the nation's largest ethnic minority. Hispanics constitute about 18 percent of the nation's total population. According to the U.S. Census, the projected Hispanic population of the U.S. in 2060 will be 111 million.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse Hispanic Heritage Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools from September 15 through October 15, 2020.

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