

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chairman

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE “CLICK IT OR TICKET” NATIONAL SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT SAFETY CAMPAIGN, MAY 23 THROUGH JUNE 5, 2022

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC

PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY, & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The U. S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (U.S. DOT), is launching the “Click It or Ticket” Safety Campaign, from May 23 through June 5, 2022. The U.S. DOT is seeking support from its partners to help alert the public to prepare for high-visibility safety belt enforcement during the campaign. Between May 23 through June 5th, law enforcement agencies “buckle down” on enforcement for a National Seat Belt Enforcement Mobilization in an effort to increase awareness and save lives. Community outreach leading to the National Seat Belt Enforcement Mobilization will occur May 16 through June 5, 2022. The use of seat belts is mandated by Florida Law.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has reported that the national seat belt use rate in 2020 was 90.3%. Among young adults 18 to 34 killed in passenger vehicle crashes in 2020, more than half (60%) were completely unrestrained — one of the highest percentages for all age groups. It was also reported that in 2020, 10,893 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants were killed in crashes in the United States. According to NHTSA, in 2019, there were 9,466 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. In that same year, 55% of passenger vehicle occupants killed at night (6 p.m.–5:59 a.m.) were not wearing their seat belts. Almost twice as many males were killed in crashes as compared to females, with lower belt use rates, too. Of the males killed in crashes in 2019, more than half (51%) were unrestrained. For females killed in crashes, 40% were not buckled up.

This board item seeks to endorse the “Click It or Ticket” Campaign in an effort to advance this important safety initiative at Miami-Dade County Public Schools and encourage consistent, year-round seat belt use for students, parents and District employees while driving or riding in a vehicle.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney’s Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIRMAN

MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the “Click It or Ticket” National Seat Belt Enforcement Mobilization Campaign, from May 23 through June 5, 2022, and encourage consistent, year-round seat belt use for students, parents and District employees when driving or riding in a vehicle.