

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chairman

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF NATIONAL TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK, OCTOBER 16-22, 2022, AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF YEAR-ROUND SAFE DRIVING PRACTICES AT ALL DISTRICT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

The U.S. Department of Transportation reports that distracted driving has become a dangerous epidemic on the nation's roadways, contributing to thousands of traffic fatalities, and nearly half a million injuries each year. Distracted driving activities include, but are not limited to, using a cell phone and electronic text messaging. Reaching for a phone, dialing and texting increases your crash risk by three times. Most recent data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports 2,276 car crash fatalities involving a teen (15-18 years old), of those 748 were teen drivers. These statistics confirm what we already know that our youngest and most inexperienced drivers are most at risk on the road.

The School District participates in National Teen Driver Safety Week, as part of its annual efforts to help bring awareness and reduce distracted driving. This year, the national event will run from October 16-22, 2022. This safety initiative encourages parents, young drivers, lawmakers and educators to work together to change risky driving behaviors at the high school age level and help save lives across the country.

This agenda item seeks to endorse National Teen Driver Safety Week, October 16-22, 2022, and encourage year-round safe driving practices at all District senior high schools.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the 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 National Teen Driver Safety Week, October 16-22, 2022, and encourage year-round safe driving practices at all District senior high schools.