

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2023 AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC**

**PLAN: 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 2022, an estimated 287,850 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U. S. along with 51,400 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer. About 2,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men in 2022.

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 4 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 raise awareness about breast cancer outreach efforts will be made throughout the District for teachers and support staff.

This board item seeks to endorse October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and request that the Superintendent distribute educational information throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**GOOD CAUSE  
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This item does not appear on the published agenda. There exists good cause exists to vary from the published agenda in order to ensure a timely recognition of a month that has been traditionally recognized by the School Board.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**  
**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the month of October 2023 in Miami-Dade County Public Schools as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

