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BOARD
ACTION

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE NAMING OF THE ANNUAL PERLA TABARES HANTMAN MIAMI NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

The Miami National College Fair provides students and parents with a multitude of opportunities to inquire about colleges and universities with wide variety of information sessions hosted by professionals from admissions, financial aid, housing, testing requirements, and more. Throughout the years, the fair has drawn thousands of students and their parents as they consider different academic offerings in higher education and post-secondary planning. This event is sponsored by Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC).

For over two decades, former School Board Chair, Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, the first Hispanic woman to have been elected Board Chair by her peers, co-shared Miami's National College Fair. Her commitment and dedication to the successful implementation, promotion, and delivery of this event was unequivocally extraordinary and exceptional.

Her passion for post-secondary education has always been a priority for Ms. Hantman. She was the first Hispanic woman in the United States to ever hold the position of Regent when she was appointed in 1990 as a member of the Florida Board of Regents, the governing board of Florida's ten state universities at the time, a position she held until 1996.

It is justly fair and appropriate for the School Board to recognize and honor Ms. Hantman's many years of loyal service to the Miami National College Fair by approving the naming of this annual event as The Perla Tabares Hantman Miami National College Fair.

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

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize, honor, and approve the naming of the annual college fair as The Perla Tabares Hantman Miami National College Fair.