

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2024 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 2024, approximately 310,720 women and 2,800 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer.

This information is provided by Breastcancer.org. Donate to support free resources and programming for people affected by breast cancer in the U.S. along with 51,400 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer.

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.

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

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the month of October 2024 in Miami-Dade County Public Schools as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.