

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE MONTH OF JUNE 2018  
AS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

Observed annually in the United States in the month of June, National Safety Month focuses on reducing the leading causes of injury and/or loss of life at work, in schools, on the roads, and in the home and communities. Promoted by the National Safety Council (NSC), the month long observance serves as a reminder that we are all empowered to make safe decisions for ourselves and those we care about.

According to the NSC's recent cumulative data, there were approximately over 4,000 work-related fatalities and nearly five million non-fatal, medically consulted workplace injuries reported in the United States in 2014-2015. Of those injuries, the top causes include over exertion and bodily reaction, contact with an object or equipment, slips, trips, and falls. What this data illustrates is that, like most accidents, many of these injuries could have been prevented with proper safety procedures in place. Preventing incidents requires the active pursuit of safety every day and it must be ingrained in the workplace culture.

This year's theme is "*No 1 Gets Hurt*" and each week in the month of June has a designated safety topic:

- Week 1 is Emergency Preparedness,
- Week 2 is Wellness,
- Week 3 is Falls, and
- Week 4 is Driving.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the month of June 2018 as National Safety Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.