

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

Co-sponsor: Ms. Mari Tere Rojas, Board Members } Added

**SUBJECT: BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE “CLICK IT OR TICKET”
NATIONAL SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT SAFETY
CAMPAIGN, MAY 14 THROUGH JUNE 3, 2018**

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

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

The U. S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (U.S. DOT), is mobilizing the national 2018 “Click It or Ticket” safety campaign, May 14 through June 3, 2018. The U.S. DOT is seeking support from its partners to help alert the public to prepare for high-visibility safety belt enforcement during the campaign. During this event, law enforcement agencies “buckle down” on enforcement in an effort to increase awareness and save lives. The use of seat belts is mandated by Florida Law.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has reported that seat belt use in 2017 had declined slightly, to 89.7%. Although this is not statistically significant from 2016’s historic 90.1%, it does show that there is room for improvement. Seat belt use has shown an increasing trend since 2000, accompanied by a steady decline in the percentage of unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities. These facts gravely highlight the continued need of enforcement and awareness of seat belt use.

To advance this important safety initiative at Miami-Dade County Public Schools, it is recommended that the School Board endorse the “Click It or Ticket” Campaign, and encourage a year-round habit for students, parents and District employees to always buckle up when driving or riding as a passenger in a vehicle.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the U.S. Department of Transportation’s “Click It or Ticket” National Seat Belt Enforcement Safety Campaign, May 14 through June 3, 2018, and encourage a year-round habit for students, parents and District employees to always buckle up when in a vehicle.