


MEMORANDUM

June 30, 2016

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

FROM: Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: **STAFF FOLLOW-UP: BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2016, AGENDA ITEM H-3, SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF MAY 2016 AS NATIONAL MELANOMA SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

At the School Board meeting of April 13, 2016, the Board approved Agenda Item H-3, proffered by School Board Member Dr. Martin Karp. Agenda Item H-3 requested that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse May as **National Melanoma Skin Cancer Awareness Month** in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This Agenda item supports the need for skin cancer awareness and education in our schools and to help promote this initiative throughout the District for teachers and support staff.

As follow-up, District staff is providing the following information:

- the Division of Academics, Physical Education and Health Literacy provided information on our website, http://pe.dadeschools.net/skin_cancer.asp, to all physical education teachers in grades K-12 on Skin Cancer Awareness Month;
- topics provided include the critical importance of sun safety and "early detection" and the importance of annual medical check-ups and physical examinations when suspicious spots are detected on the body;
- information posted further includes valuable Internet resources that teachers can use in the classroom;
- the District Hot Weather Policy was forwarded to all physical education teachers, which includes sun protection; and
- teachers were encouraged to provide instruction throughout the school year as part of a comprehensive health education curriculum.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Marie Izquierdo, Chief Academic Officer, at 305 995-1451, or Dr. Jayne D. Greenberg, District Director, Physical Education and Health Literacy, at 305 995-1963.

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