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To: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

From: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

Date: May 14, 2013

Subject: International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program Exhibitions

The purpose of this LTC is to invite you to attend the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Year Program (PYP) Exhibitions for Feinberg-Fisher K-8 Center, South Pointe Elementary, North Beach Elementary, and Biscayne Elementary.

The IB Exhibition is an important part of the PYP for all students. In the final year of the program (5th grade), students undertake a collaborative, transdisciplinary inquiry process that involves them in identifying, investigating and offering solutions to real-life issues or problems. As the culminating experience of the PYP, the Exhibition offers students an exciting opportunity to demonstrate independence and responsibility for their own learning.

Please join us at our elementary schools on the below dates and times, where our youth will present their exhibitions:

Biscayne Elementary	May 22	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Feinberg Fisher K-8	May 30	9:00 a.m. - Noon
North Beach Elementary	May 21 & May 22	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
South Pointe Elementary	May 28 & May 29	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

As of March 2012, Miami Beach became one in a handful of cities in the country to provide the IB program to every public school and to every student within its jurisdiction. All public schools in Miami Beach have attained International Baccalaureate (IB) World School authorization.

The IB PYP focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer. The most significant and distinctive feature of the IB PYP is the six transdisciplinary themes. The themes help teachers to develop a programme of inquiries, in-depth investigations into important ideas identified by the teachers, and requiring a high level of involvement on the part of the students.

We will continue to support our strategic outcome to provide enhanced learning opportunities for youth throughout Miami Beach through our Education Compact.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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