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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT GALLERY MIAMI IN COOPERATION WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ART IN PUBLIC PLACES FOR THE SUMMER 1999 SESSION AND INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE PROGRAM TO THE REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR

In response to One Community One Goal and the School-To-Work initiative, Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places has expressed an interest in cooperating with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) in the development and implementation of the Gallery Miami program. Gallery Miami will be initiated as a summer youth employment and training program that will be created following the model of Gallery 37 in Chicago.

Gallery Miami will provide meaningful training and employment opportunities in the arts to Miami-Dade County's talented students. This program creates mentoring opportunities between youth and working artists, and increases public awareness of the career opportunities in the arts. Through the exhibition of student creative products, student entrepreneurship skills will be developed while fostering cultural awareness in the community.

Six Miami-Dade County public school teachers and six working artists/mentors will be assigned to six school sites that will house the industry focus centers for an eight week summer program. The artists and teachers will work together with the students to connect the world of work with the arts disciplines. Students will develop portfolios, learn from professionals in each of the arts disciplines, and discover how to market their artistic products.

Summer 1999 implementation of Gallery Miami will be funded through a combination of M-DCPS summer FTE and a grant from the Jobs and Education Partnership Regional Board's Summer Youth Employment and Training Program. Funding to extend Gallery Miami beyond the Summer 1999 session will be secured from outside agencies, such as foundations and corporations. Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places has committed to secure sources of funding and site acquisitions for performances, gallery exhibitions and sales.

**ACTION PROPOSED
BY MS. HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to:

1. develop and implement Gallery Miami in cooperation with Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places beginning with the Summer 1999 session; and
2. investigate the feasibility of extending the program to the regular school year.

That portion of implementation costs of Gallery Miami which correspond to Miami-Dade County Public Schools will be drawn from M-DCPS summer FTE.