

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SPORTS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO CO-SPONSOR THE FIRST ANNUAL MIAMI-DADE GOAL BALL INVITATIONAL FOR THE BLIND, APRIL 23-24, 1999

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

Authorization is requested for the Sports Program for Students with Disabilities of the Division of Life Skills to co-sponsor the First Annual Miami-Dade Goal Ball Invitational for the Blind, April 23-24, 1999.

Miami-Dade Park and Recreation/Leisure Access Services for the Disabled and Shake-A-Leg Miami, Inc. will co-sponsor this event.

Goal Ball is a nationally-sanctioned sport, played exclusively by blind athletes. The Miami-Dade Goal Ball Invitational Tournament will be held at Coral Gables Senior High School. Students from Miami-Dade County Public Schools will be competing in a Goal Ball Tournament with other visually impaired students from participating states.

This endeavor will provide blind students with equal opportunities for participation in athletic events. This event will also provide a vehicle for the community to celebrate our blind students' achievements. This activity does not incur any cost to the District.

This item has been reviewed by the Office of Risk and Benefits Management and will follow the established Miami-Dade County Public Schools field trip procedures. Visiting teams will submit a letter of intent to participate and assume all responsibilities for the supervision of the athletes.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Sports Program for Students with Disabilities to co-sponsor the First Annual Miami-Dade Goal Ball Invitational for the Blind, April 23-24, 1999.

There is no cost incurred by the District for this activity.

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