

Education
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WOLFSON CAMPUS, TO ESTABLISH A THIRD SITE FOR THE SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (SAS) FOR THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$155,764

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES**
- VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES**
- IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP**

During the 1988-89 school year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Miami-Dade Community College, North Campus, entered into a cooperative agreement to operate an Alternative School of Choice, now named the School for Advanced Studies (SAS)-North. The program offered 11th and 12th grade students an alternative educational setting to the traditional high school program. During the 1993-94 school year, an additional program site was established at the Kendall campus of Miami-Dade Community College. In order to expand the program, it is requested that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus, to establish a third site for the School for Advanced Studies (SAS) for the 1999-2000 school year.

SAS offers students broad curricular offerings, individual mentoring, and tutoring in a "family-like" atmosphere. Students complete high school course work and receive a minimum of 21 college credits per year through dual-enrollment classes at no cost to the student. Transportation is provided for eligible students.

Currently, 266 students are enrolled at both campuses of SAS. It is expected that the new SAS site will increase the total enrollment in the program by an additional 50-78 students during the first year of operation.

If this contract is authorized, appropriations in an approximate amount of \$155,764 will be recommended for inclusion in the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget under Fund 0100 and various objects. The appropriations will include funds for personnel, supplies, equipment, and furniture.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus, to establish a third site for the School for Advanced Studies (SAS) for the 1999-2000 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$155,764.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 1999.

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