

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of March 17, 1999

March 4, 1999

Deputy Superintendent of Schools
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SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION IN LEAD AWARENESS WEEK

The week of April 19 - 23, 1999, will be designated Lead Awareness Week by the Miami-Dade County Commission. Elementary schools throughout the district are encouraged to participate in activities to heighten lead awareness.

The ARISE Foundation, with the support from Florida Department of Health, Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, and the Health Foundation of South Florida, has developed a lead awareness activities book. The book contains lead awareness lessons for each day of the week. Copies will be distributed to all fifth-grade students. These lessons are correlated to Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Competency Based Curriculum and Florida Sunshine State Standards.

Staff from several district offices are collaborating to promote this effort and to encourage student participation. Materials related to this effort are provided at no cost to the district.

Information packages will be transmitted to the Board under separate cover and will be placed on file in the Citizen Information Center and the Office of the Board Recording Secretary.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse Miami-Dade County Public Schools participation in Lead Awareness Week activities.

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