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Roger C. Cuevas, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1998 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN FINAL REPORT

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has concluded its successful 1998 United Way campaign, with total contributions reaching \$2,090,386, which is \$375,379 more than was raised in the year 1997. Employees raised a record \$1,533,596, representing a 27 percent increase and students raised \$556,790 for an 11 percent increase over last year. M-DCPS had the number one campaign in the nation again this year, and it became the first entity to raise over \$2,000,000 in Miami-Dade County.

Under the theme of a "Partnership in Caring" all the labor unions and bargaining units represented in the school system joined M-DCPS in this effort and were instrumental in the success of the campaign.

The district's contribution this year is in keeping with its long-standing support of the United Way of Miami-Dade. The organization helps fund more than 64 community agencies with a wide range of services to those in need.

In recognition of the outstanding involvement of the school system's employees and students with the community, the United Way of Miami-Dade has nominated Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the President's Public Service Award.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive the *Miami-Dade County Public Schools 1998 United Way Campaign Final Report.*

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