

School Operations  
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECEIVE A DONATION OF \$76,869 FROM THE MIAMI HEAT TO OPERATE AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM ENTITLED THE HEAT ACADEMY AT PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 100 STUDENTS DURING THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR

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

Recognizing the need for children to receive extra exposure to academics, particularly reading and mathematics, the Miami HEAT seeks to implement an after-school academic program which will assist children by providing tutoring and enrichment. Using the popularity of professional sports, the Miami HEAT plans to utilize the HEAT name to entice students to stay in the classroom and, just as in sports, encourage practice in academics to make better students in the classroom.

The Miami HEAT will donate \$76,869 to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to operate the HEAT Academy at Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School, five days a week, four hours a day, free of charge, for 100 students who will be chosen through a random lottery. Funds provided will cover expenses of daily snacks, four teachers and four teacher aides, curriculum materials, supplies, custodial, and security. The HEAT Academy will be managed by a site director hired by the Miami HEAT. Additional enhancements utilizing the resources of the Miami HEAT, such as motivational speakers, incentives, appreciation events, and parental involvement opportunities will also be provided.

The fiscal agent for the program will be Booker T. Washington Senior High Community School, with the ultimate approval from the principal of Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School. All procedures as outlined in the Community School Procedures Manual will be followed to establish and operate this program.

Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School was selected based on its proximity to the Miami HEAT offices, its tutorial need as established by recent FCAT scores, and the infrastructure available as a satellite location of an existing community school site.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, accept a donation of \$76,869 from the Miami HEAT to operate an after-school program, The HEAT Academy, at Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School for 100 students during 1999-2000 school year.

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