

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SAFESPACE SHELTER OF DADE COUNTY, INC., TO COORDINATE INTERVENTIONS AND SERVICES IN SELECTED SCHOOLS WITHIN THE MIAMI JACKSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FEEDER PATTERNS AS PART OF THE CITY OF MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SAFEZONE PROJECT, FROM OCTOBER 21, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: VII - SAFE SCHOOLS  
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/  
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

Authorization is requested to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Miami Police Department and SafeSpace Shelter of Dade County, Inc., to coordinate interventions and services which address violent behaviors in selected schools within the Miami Jackson Senior High School and Booker T. Washington Senior High School Feeder Patterns. A total of 12 schools will be part of the SafeZone Project to be implemented within this feeder pattern. The school staff members, students, and families within the feeder pattern will be involved in receiving inservice, coordination of community resources (including information and referrals, as well as facilitation of access to such resources), professional consultation and assistance with high-risk cases, developing risk and violence management procedures, and other appropriate interventions in order to prevent, intervene and/or contain violent situations.

Under the terms of the agreement, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will provide staff from the Division of Student Services to assist in the coordination of the project's activities. Staff from each of the target schools will participate in workshops and in gathering information that will assist in the identification of the needs of each school in order to provide the appropriate interventions.

The City of Miami Police Department provides staff to help coordinate the SafeZone Project and to identify, analyze, and respond to violence-containment related needs, help schools establish violence risk and management procedures, and coordinate access to community resources.

SafeSpace Shelter of Dade County, Inc., will provide staff to assist with planning, coordinating, and evaluating the SafeZone Project, to cooperate with the City of Miami Police Department in its efforts, and to identify and coordinate community service providers who will address the needs of the schools as well as the victims of violence within the community.

The administrator of the SafeZone Project is Michael Lindsey, Administrator, Domestic Violence Unit, City of Miami Police Department.

There is no exchange of funds for this agreement.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Miami Police Department and SafeSpace Shelter of Dade County, Inc. to coordinate interventions and services in selected schools within the Miami Jackson Senior High School and Booker T. Washington Senior High School Feeder Patterns as part of the City of Miami Police Department's SafeZone Project, from October 21, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

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