

Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OPEN A CENTER FOR OUTDOOR SUSPENSION TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL TO PROVIDE THEM WITH EDUCATIONAL AND COUNSELING SERVICES, FROM JANUARY 13, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

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

The Hialeah Police Department (HPD) has received a grant from the Florida Department of Human Services and the City of Hialeah, which it intends to utilize for the funding of a Center for Outdoor Suspension (COS). Under the aegis of this program, students would receive tutoring in language arts and mathematics with emphases on basic skills. Supplementing the instructional component would be programming in anger management, conflict resolution, survival skills and the rewards inherent in ethical behavior. The HPD would place a police officer, a social worker, and teachers in the COS. The COS would be housed at Jose Marti Middle School. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) would provide the space for the facility and recommend appropriate teachers. HPD would reimburse M-DCPS for the cost of teachers.

Authorization is requested to enter into a cooperative agreement with City of Hialeah Police Department to open a Center for Outdoor Suspension to accommodate students who have received outdoor suspensions. Students in the program would benefit greatly from the small staff-student ratio, interaction with law enforcement together with the skill and character-building components of the program. Students' attendance at the COS would ensure behavioral modification and academic improvement.

There will be no cost to the district.

A resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida, on October 12, 1999, accepting the grant. Mr. Rolando D. Bolanos is the HPD Chief of Police.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Hialeah Police Department to open a Center for Outdoor Suspension to accommodate students who have been suspended from school to provide them with educational and counseling services, from January 13, 2000 through June 30, 2000.

There will be no cost to the district.

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