

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS) AND CUTLER RIDGE MALL, GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, INC., FOR THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR, FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2000 THROUGH FEBRUARY 18, 2000**

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

The South Florida Science and Engineering Fair has been conducted for 45 years. Thirteen years ago, it outgrew its space at the grounds of the Dade County Youth Fair, and was then housed at the Miami International Mall. There is no longer sufficient space in that mall to house the South Florida Science and Engineering Fair. The Cutler Ridge Mall General Partnership Inc., has agreed to house the South Florida Science and Engineering Fair at the Cutler Ridge Mall. Approximately 500 students and 200 science and mathematics teachers will be involved in this event.

The proposed agreement specifying the joint responsibilities of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Cutler Ridge Mall General Partnership Inc., has been reviewed by the School Board Attorney's Office and Office of Risk and Benefits Management. Under the proposed agreement, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will also provide a certificate of insurance covering liability and property damage for the use of Cutler Ridge Mall. To the extent that tort immunity is waived by state law, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will indemnify and hold harmless the Cutler Ridge Mall, for any liabilities occasioned by M-DCPS and associated with this agreement. There is no cost to Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the South Florida Science and Engineering Fair which will run from February 13, 2000 through February 18, 2000.

There is no exchange of funds for the execution of this cooperative agreement.

**RECOMMENDED:**       That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Cutler Ridge Mall General Partnership, Inc., for the purpose of holding the South Florida Science and Engineering Fair at the Cutler Ridge Mall, February 13, 2000 through February 18, 2000.

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