

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO  
ACCEPT A DONATION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FROM  
VH1/SAVE THE MUSIC FOR THE BAND PROGRAM AT THOMAS  
JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

VH1/SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION regards music as a fundamental component of a child's education. Based in New York City, this organization is committed to restoring music education to America's public schools. In August, information was disseminated to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) regarding possible grants for music programs. Since Thomas Jefferson Middle School is one of the older middle schools in the district, many of the band instruments are beyond repair. This foundation, with financial support from AT&T, chose Thomas Jefferson Middle School as part of their outreach program.

To support the Thomas Jefferson Middle School Band program, VH1/SAVE THE MUSIC has expressed an interest in donating musical instruments to the school. Because of this generous donation, students who otherwise would not have access to a brand new musical instrument, will have the opportunity to participate in beginning band, concert band, and jazz band. The band director and the principal are committed to building a superior instrumental program.

No local funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation of musical instruments from VH1/SAVE THE MUSIC for the band program at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

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