June 5, 2001

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION BY THE SUPERINTENDENT TO PERMIT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH LEADERSHIP MIAMI

During the 2001-2002 school year, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce will establish a Youth Leadership Program for 50 to 60 high school juniors. The program, patterned after Leadership Miami for adult participants, will provide selected students with opportunities to meet community leaders, to acquire and practice leadership skills, and to complete volunteer community service activities.

During the initial year, students will be notified of this opportunity in September 2001 and will be able to submit an application. Selected students will receive an acceptance letter in December 2001. Scheduled activities will be conducted during the second semester. Students who participate during the 2001-2002 school year will become mentors to juniors in the Youth Leadership Miami during their senior year. This pattern of mentorship will continue in subsequent years.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to permit Miami-Dade County Public Schools

students to participate in Youth Leadership Miami.

No local funds are required.

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