

October 10, 2001

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ACCEPT A DONATION OF SCIENCE KITS ENTITLED, MASTERS OF
DISASTER, FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS**

The American Red Cross has offered a donation of science kits entitled, Masters of Disaster, a supplemental teaching resource based on the National Science Education Standards, for grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. The Division of Mathematics and Science Education has reviewed Masters of Disaster and recommends it as an appropriate supplement to the elementary and middle school science Competency-Based Curriculum.

The American Red Cross is willing to supply each elementary school in Miami-Dade County Public Schools a K-2 and 3-5 kit, and each middle school a 6-8 kit, as well as, provide professional development on their use. The curriculum incorporates real-world problem-solving strategies for integrating disaster preparedness and safety instruction. If accepted, a letter of appreciation will be sent to the donor.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation of science kits entitled, Masters of Disaster, from the American Red Cross.

No local funds are required.

JHM:kc