

School Operations  
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE FACILITIES FOR THE  
2001-2002 GRADUATION REHEARSALS AND EXERCISES**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements to lease facilities for the 2001-2002 graduation rehearsals, exercises, and associated costs of auxiliary services, which include, but are not limited to, stagehands, electricians, ushers, police, audio-visual equipment, plants, chairs, and parking, at a cost not to exceed \$182,400, June 11-15, 2002.

Planning for the 2001-2002 graduation exercises began in October 2001. In the process of site selection, consideration was given to the scheduling of all graduations within a three-day period, class sizes, accommodation of School Board members and district administrators, and unique needs of school communities, e.g., requested dates, time, sites, and available funds.

Proposed sites for the 2001-2002 graduation rehearsals and exercises for 33 senior high schools and eight alternative education centers are:

1. Miami-Dade County Auditorium
2. Florida International University - Golden Panther Arena and Graham Center
3. Miami Beach Convention Center
4. Jackie Gleason Theater of the Performing Arts
5. Miami-Dade Community College-Kendall Campus
6. Joseph Caleb Community Center
7. Gusman Center for the Performing Arts
8. University of Miami James L. Knight Center/Ashe Auditorium
9. Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Center
10. Miami Arena

The Office of Risk and Benefits Management will review all contracts. All contracts will include indemnification and insurance provisions.

The appropriation for these items is included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5103, Program 9016, Location 9723.

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

1. enter into contracts with the following sites at a cost not to exceed \$182,400 for graduation exercises, rehearsals, and associated costs of auxiliary services, which include, but are not limited to, stagehands, electricians, ushers, police, audio-visual equipment, plants, chairs, and parking, etc:

Miami-Dade County Auditorium  
Florida International University - Golden Panther Arena and  
Graham Center  
Miami Beach Convention Center  
Jackie Gleason Theater of the Performing Arts  
Miami-Dade Community College-Kendall Campus  
Joseph Caleb Community Center  
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2. enter into agreements for indemnification of the graduation sites listed above.

The appropriation for these items is included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget.