

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$211,460 FROM *THE MIAMI HEAT* TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM ENTITLED THE HEAT ACADEMY AT PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR AND LITTLE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR 100 STUDENTS AT EACH SCHOOL, AT HORACE MANN MIDDLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR 30 STUDENTS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE HEAT ACADEMY PROGRAM FOR 100 STUDENTS AT RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DURING THE 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR

COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY, ADULT AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Recognizing the need for children to receive extra exposure to academics, particularly reading and mathematics, *The Miami HEAT* seeks to continue to implement an after-school academic program which will assist children by providing tutoring and enrichment. Using the popularity of professional sports, *The Miami HEAT* will continue to utilize the HEAT name to entice students to stay in the classroom and, just as in sports, encourage practice in academics to make better students in the classroom.

The Miami HEAT will donate \$181,450 to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to operate The HEAT Academy at Paul Laurence Dunbar, Little River and Riverside elementary schools five days a week, two hours a day, free of charge, for 100 students at each school who will be chosen through a random lottery. Funds provided will cover expenses for, four teachers, four teacher aides, curriculum materials, daily snacks, supplies, custodial, and security at each school. The HEAT Academy will be managed by a site director hired by *The Miami HEAT*. Additional enhancements utilizing the resources of *The Miami HEAT*, such as motivational speakers, incentives, appreciation events, and parental involvement opportunities will also be provided. The fiscal agent for the three elementary schools will be Riverside Elementary Community School. All procedures as outlined in the *Community School Procedures Manual* will be followed in implementing the program. Paul Laurence Dunbar, Little River and Riverside elementary schools were selected by *The Miami HEAT* based on their tutorial needs as established by recent FCAT scores and the infrastructure available as satellite locations of an existing community school site and an actual community school site.

Additionally, *The Miami HEAT* will donate \$30,010 to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to operate The HEAT Academy at Horace Mann Middle Community School and will incorporate community volunteers to participate in the program for 30 students through the Middle School Enrichment Program in the Bureau of Community Services. Funds provided will cover expenses for one program manager, one teacher, one teacher aide, curriculum materials and supplies. *The Miami HEAT* will provide enhancements such as motivational speakers, appreciation events, and incentives for students. Horace Mann Middle Community School was selected by *The Miami HEAT* based on tutorial needs as established by FCAT scores, and the infrastructure available through the Middle School Enrichment Program. Additionally, Horace Mann Middle Community School serves students from Little River Elementary School.

There are no additional costs associated with this project because administration is provided by the existing Community School program.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, accept a donation of \$211,460 from *The Miami Heat* to operate an after-school program entitled The Heat Academy at Paul Laurence Dunbar, Little River and Riverside elementary schools for 100 students at each school, and for 30 students at Horace Mann Middle Community School during the 2002-2003 school year.

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