

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CUTLER RIDGE MALL; T/S DEVELOPMENT, LLC; OCWEN FEDERAL BANK; AND THE CUTLER RIDGE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR FROM FEBRUARY 7, 2003 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2003

COMMITTEE: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The South Florida Science and Engineering Fair, which will take place from February 7, 2003 through February 14, 2003, has outgrown its space at The Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition and Miami International Mall. The Cutler Ridge Mall; T/S Development, LLC; Ocwen Federal Bank; and the Cutler Ridge Merchants Association have agreed to house the South Florida Science and Engineering Fair at the Cutler Ridge Mall. Approximately 500 students and 200 science and mathematics teachers will be involved in this event.

The proposed agreement specifying the joint responsibilities of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and the Cutler Ridge Mall; T/S Development, LLC; Ocwen Federal Bank; and the Cutler Ridge Merchants Association has been reviewed by the School Board Attorney's Office and Office of Risk and Benefits Management. Under the proposed agreement, M-DCPS will also provide a certificate of insurance covering liability and property damage for the use of Cutler Ridge Mall. To the extent that tort immunity is waived by state law, M-DCPS will indemnify and hold harmless the Cutler Ridge Mall for any liabilities occasioned by M-DCPS and associated with this agreement.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Cutler Ridge Mall; T/S Development, LLC; Ocwen Federal Bank; and the Cutler Ridge Merchants Association for the purpose of holding the South Florida Science and Engineering Fair at the Cutler Ridge Mall from February 7, 2003 through February 14, 2003.

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