

January 29, 2003

Financial Affairs
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT

COMMITTEE: FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is eligible to apply for federal financial assistance in the event of a Presidential declaration issued as a result of a natural or man-made disaster. A resolution was passed by the School Board in August 1997, naming Dr. Richard H. Hinds as Applicant's Agent. This designation, within his role as Chief Financial Officer, authorized him to manage transactions with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on behalf of the district.

Since that time, the district's application for assistance relating to Hurricane Andrew has been finalized. Similar assistance was sought and obtained, through the Office of Risk and Benefits Management, for damage sustained as a result of Hurricanes Georges and Irene in 1998 and 1999, respectively, as well as the South Florida Floods in 2000. Given the prospect for future storms, it is prudent to continue the Chief Financial Officer's role in dealing with FEMA and the Florida Department of Community Affairs, to maintain continuity of operations, and expedite any application for, and receipt of funds.

Staff is recommending that the Board authorize the Superintendent to designate the Chief Financial Officer and not a specific named individual, as the Applicant's Agent, so that FEMA will have the designation information in their files for future applications. Once received, the attached Resolution will be completed and sent to FEMA.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent of Schools to designate the Chief Financial Officer, as reflected in the attached resolution, as the district's representative for the pursuit of Disaster Relief Funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

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DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY: The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida,
(GOVERNING BODY)

THAT: The Chief Financial Officer
(OFFICIAL POSITION)

IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, A PUBLIC ENTITY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND TO FILE IT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ROBERT T. STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT, PUBLIC LAW 93-288, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 100-707 OR OTHERWISE AVAILABLE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DISASTER RELIEF FUND.

THAT: The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, A PUBLIC ENTITY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, HEREBY AUTHORIZES ITS AGENTS TO PROVIDE, TO THE STATE AND TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), FOR ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO SUCH FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE, THE ASSURANCE AND AGREEMENTS INCORPORATED INTO THE DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING AGREEMENT EXECUTED BETWEEN The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ___ DAY OF _____, _____.

Chief Financial Officer
(TITLE)

CERTIFICATION

I, Merrett R. Stierheim, DULY APPOINTED AND Superintendent OF
(NAME) (TITLE)

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED BY The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, ON THE ___ DAY OF _____, _____.

DATE: _____

Superintendent of Schools
(OFFICIAL POSITION)