

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO  
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-  
DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE  
CONTINUATION OF FULL SERVICE SCHOOLS IN MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 21, 2003  
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The 2003 Florida Legislature appropriated \$1,086,205 to the Miami-Dade County Health Department as the fiscal agent for Full Service Schools. The Full Service Schools Initiative has been a collaborative project between Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and the Miami-Dade County Health Department (M-DCHD) for twelve years. M-DCHD has served as the fiscal agent since 1998. Funds in the amount of \$800,000 have been appropriated to M-DCPS to maintain the Full Service Schools program at 21 school sites during the 2003-2004 school year.

This funding will be used to preserve professional and paraprofessional staff at the district, elementary, middle, and senior high school sites in order to serve students and families. Additionally, the staff will fulfill the criteria established by the Miami-Dade County Health Department to sustain the initiative.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County Health Department to utilize funds appropriated by the state to that agency for the continuation of the Full Service Schools initiative in Miami-Dade County Public Schools effective August 21, 2003 through June 30, 2004; and
2. direct Financial Affairs to establish revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$800,000; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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