

January 12, 2004

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$28,275 FROM AVOCADO
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
(PTA) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO COVERED
EXTENSIONS OVER EXISTING WALKWAYS AT AVOCADO
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Avocado Elementary School administration has received a commitment from Avocado Elementary School PTA to donate \$28,275 for the construction of two covered extensions over existing walkways at the school. This continuous overhead covering from the main building to the parent and bus pick-up/drop-off areas will protect the children from heat and inclement weather. Should the Board accept the PTA donation, a letter of appreciation will be sent to the donor.

Revised

The President of Avocado Elementary School PTA is Ms. Lisa Neubauer.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Maintenance Operations (M/O) staff will manage and execute this project through its JOC program to ensure that all quality control and inspection and code compliance requirements are met and to provide the necessary insurance coverage for risk management purposes. Maintenance Operations will complete the project prior to September 1, 2004.

Revised

Should the cost exceed the PTA donation, M/O will provide contingency funds to ensure successful completion of this project in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. The appropriation for this item is included in the Capital Budget under Fund 0367, Function 7400, Program 1120, Object 5680, Location 9241. Upon final review, should the total construction estimate exceed the combined funding, additional approval of funds shall be sought from the Board. If the request is not approved, then the donation will be returned to the PTA.

Added

The Department of Safety has agreed to fund approximately \$6,000 to eliminate a structural curb barrier and repave according to code. The appropriation for this item is included in the Capital Budget under Fund 0379, Function 7400, Program 1500, Object 5680, Location 9114.

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RECOMMENDED:

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

1. accept the donation of \$28,275 from Avocado Elementary School PTA for the construction of two covered extensions over walkways at the school;
2. approve a contingency of up to \$15,000 from Maintenance Operations and amend the five-year work program, only if necessary to complete the project; and
3. approve the allocation of \$6,000 from the Department of Safety and amend the five-year work program to include this project.

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