

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHLAND MALL; T/S DEVELOPMENT, LLC; OCWEN FEDERAL BANK; AND THE SOUTHLAND MALL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2004 THROUGH FEBRUARY 13, 2004.

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The South Florida Science and Engineering Fair will take place from February 6, 2004 through February 13, 2004 at the Southland Mall. The Southland Mall; T/S Development, LLC; Ocwen Federal Bank; and the Southland Mall Merchants Association have agreed to house the South Florida Science and Engineering Fair at the Southland 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 Southland Mall and the Southland Mall 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 Southland Mall. To the extent that tort immunity is waived by state law, M-DCPS will indemnify and hold harmless the Southland 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 Southland Mall and the Southland Mall Merchants Association for the purpose of holding the South Florida Science and Engineering Fair at the Southland Mall from February 6, 2004 through February 13, 2004.

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