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and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST RE-AUTHORIZATION OF THE CONTINUATION OF  
COLLABORATIVE SUMMER SERVICES WITH ¡ENLACE MIAMI! K-  
CAMP SUMMER PROGRAM OF FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY**

**COMMITTEE:   EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

At the Board Meeting of March 17, 2004, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorized the implementation of the 2004 Summer Services. The Board authorized educational programs which included ¡ENLACE MIAMI! K-Camp Summer Program of Florida International University.

Historically, this program was funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation in collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). However, as a result of the recent decision by the ¡ENLACE MIAMI! K-Parents to establish parental fees to meet the requirement of mandatory sustainable funding, re-authorization is requested to continue collaborative summer services with the ¡ENLACE MIAMI! K-Camp Summer Program of Florida International University (FIU).

Since Summer 2000, the Miami Coral Park Feeder Pattern has been selected due to its proximity to FIU, the possibility of working with a complete feeder pattern with a relatively large immigrant population, and its need for innovative educational services to meet their student achievement goals. The maximum number of students eligible for this program is 150. Students in grades 6-12, as of July 1, 2004, who attend Banyan Elementary School, Coral Park Elementary School, Charles R. Hadley Elementary School, Everglades K-8 Center, E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary School, Rockway Elementary School, Seminole Elementary School, Sweetwater Elementary School, Rubén Darío Middle School, Rockway Middle School, or Coral Park Senior High School are eligible to apply. Students must have achieved a "B" average in their mathematics and science courses in the academic year and must obtain written permission from their parents/guardians, teachers, and their school principal. Eligible students will be admitted on a first-come, first-enrolled basis until program capacity is achieved.

In March 2004, parents in attendance at the ¡ENLACE MIAMI! K-Camp Summer Program Parent meeting agreed to implement a \$75.00 parental fee to serve as an immediate funding source to meet the mandatory sustainable requirements of the foundation. The

grant funding agreement to establish parental fees for the program was finalized on April 27, 2004, by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the FIU ¡ENLACE MIAMI! program administrators. Subsequently, administrators from M-DCPS were contacted regarding the decision to implement a \$75.00 parental fee on a sliding scale for Summer 2004. Parents and the FIU ¡ENLACE MIAMI! program administrators agreed that students who qualify for free lunch will not be assessed the fee of \$75.00 and students who qualify for reduced lunch will pay only a \$25.00 fee. Fees may vary in subsequent years.

This Board Item confirms that the processing of parental fees and provision of services supported by the fees will be the sole responsibility of FIU and designated university staff. Pending re-authorization, M-DCPS will continue the provision of summer instructional personnel and support services.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, re-authorize the continuation of collaborative summer services with ¡ENLACE MIAMI! K-Camp Summer Program of Florida International University.

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