

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A
 CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MAXIM HEALTHCARE
 SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER THE LITTLE
 LIBERTY 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
 GRANT PROGRAM**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

At the Board meeting of March 12, 2003, the School Board approved and authorized the Superintendent to accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education for funding the Little Liberty 21st Century Community Learning Center Program. Agenda item B-61 from the Board meeting of March 12, 2003, authorized a contractual agreement with Florida School Health Clinic to provide nursing services under the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Program at Charles Drew Middle School servicing 400 students. Subsequently, the provider was unable to perform the scope of services of the contractual agreement. Therefore, authorization is being requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc., in a total amount not to exceed \$24,990.

The Florida Department of Education, 21st Century Community Learning Center Program, awards grants to rural and inner-city public schools, or consortia of such schools, with a priority given to partnerships between schools and public or private community-based organizations to enable them to provide for the educational, health, social services, cultural, and recreational needs of the community.

The goal of the Little Liberty 21st Century Community Learning Center Program is to create a self-sustaining, high-quality center that will be a local, state, and national model for the twenty-first century. To attain this goal, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will partner with community businesses, agencies, and public and private organizations in Miami-Dade County. This partnership will provide an integrated array of programs to address the educational, safety, health, and employment needs in the community. The anticipated outcomes of the project include:

- higher academic achievement in core subjects to meet Florida standards;
- decreases in disciplinary referrals, suspensions, and school dropouts;
- improved literacy and technology skills for students and their families; and
- increased access to health, recreation, cultural, social services, and prevention programs for families.

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Mr. Brian Wynne is the President of Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc.

These contracted services were included in the grant proposal and have been authorized by the funding source.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc., to provide services for the Little Liberty 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Program in the amount of \$24,990 for the contractual period of October 29, 2003 through June 30, 2004;
2. extend this program and contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, in order to complete the goals of the program; and
3. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amount approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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