

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ACCEPT A DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS VALUED AT \$50,000 FROM
SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC., FOR USE BY STUDENTS AND
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

School Specialty, Inc., one of the largest suppliers of school supplies in the country, has offered a donation worth \$50,000 in new school supplies and instructional materials for students and instructional staff of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). M-DCPS is partnering with The Education Fund to secure these materials and distribute them to students and teachers. Information on the availability of these materials will first be given to schools with a high concentration of low socio-economic status (SES) students. The remaining materials will be announced through the Education Fund's established procedures involving announcements through flyers, handouts, and the Education Fund's web site. If accepted a letter of appreciation will be sent to the donor.

The items will provide students and teachers with necessary consumable supplies and materials that will allow for practice and enrichment activities for home and school use.

The Director of Sales for School Specialty, Inc., is Mr. Mike Monahan, and the President of The Education Fund is Ms. Linda Lecht.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation of school supplies and instructional materials valued at \$50,000 from School Specialty, Inc., for use by students and instructional staff of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

No local funds are required.

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