

Financial Affairs
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENT FOR HALF OF THE COMMERCIAL PACKAGE INSURANCE POLICY AND SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY INSURING BOTH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE FOR NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Since the original governance agreement was entered into, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) and Miami-Dade College have jointly purchased a comprehensive package insurance policy, covering both the liability exposures and personal property of the New World School of the Arts. Annually, the Board has authorized payment for such a commercial package policy with each entity to pay one-half of the total annual premium. In addition, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) and Miami-Dade College have jointly purchased a special events policy covering the liability for outside organizations using New World School of the Arts facilities.

Authorization for such purchase is provided pursuant to State Board Rule 6A-1.012(11), whereby the Board is authorized to directly negotiate and enter into contracts for insurance, risk management programs, or third party administrators, making such acquisition through the bid process, or by direct negotiations and contract.

Miami-Dade College has now provided staff with the renewal terms of the policies, effective August 1, 2004, with a total annual premium of \$25,635.45 for the commercial package policy. The package policy provides comprehensive general liability coverage of \$1 million per occurrence/annual aggregate, as well as property insurance coverage for buildings and contents of New World School of the Arts, with stated limits of coverage. The policy is underwritten by Twin City Fire Insurance Co. (Hartford) (A.M. Best A+ XV), through Marsh Advantage America.

Miami-Dade College has also provided the terms for the purchase of a special events policy effective June 25, 2004 to June 25, 2005, with a total annual premium of \$4,840.00. The policy is underwritten by Scottsdale Insurance Company (Nationwide) (A.M. Best A+ XV), Through Marsh Advantage America and provides outside organizations which contract to use the facility, but have no insurance, access to appropriate coverage.

Staff is recommending the renewal of the package program with the Board paying half of the annual renewal premium, or \$12,817.72, for coverage effective August 1, 2004 to August 1, 2005. In addition, staff is recommending the purchase of the Special Events policy with the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida paying half of the annual premium, or \$2,420 for the special events policy.

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RECOMMENDED: That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the renewal of payment for a commercial package insurance policy secured by Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Miami-Dade College, with Twin City Fire Insurance Company (Hartford) (A.M. Best A+ XV), through Marsh, Inc., with each entity to pay one-half of the total annual premium, effective August 1, 2004 to August 1, 2005, with the Board's share of premium for the renewal of \$12,817.72 to come from the Board's general liability insurance budget; and
2. authorize the purchase of a special events insurance policy secured by Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Miami-Dade College, through Marsh, Inc., with each entity to pay one-half of the total annual premium, effective June 25, 2004 to June 25, 2005, with the Board's share of premium for the renewal of \$2,420 to come from the Board's general liability insurance budget.

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