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Mercedes Toural, Deputy Superintendent
Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OF BROWARD COUNTY AND GREATER MIAMI AND THE KEYS CHAPTERS, HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICES, TO PROVIDE FIRST AID TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION TO SELECTED SCHOOL PERSONNEL AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATE STATUTE 381.0056, SECTION 8, AND CHAPTER 64F-6.004 OF THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) requests authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with the American Red Cross of Broward County and Greater Miami and the Keys Chapters, Health and Safety Services, to provide First Aid training and certification to selected school personnel, in an amount not to exceed \$14,000, effective September 13, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The district is contracting with the Red Cross to provide these services for the first time.

As part of the School Health Plan and pursuant to Florida State Statute, 381.0056, Section 8, and Chapter 64F-6.004 of the Florida Administrative Code, Meeting Emergency Health Needs, The Department of Health in cooperation with the Department of Education has developed a plan to adopt rules necessary to implement Section 8. In order to meet the emergency health needs, "each school shall ensure that at least two school staff members, excluding health room staff, are currently certified by nationally recognized certifying agencies to provide first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation." This training and the certification will allow M-DCPS to be in compliance with state statute.

In order to determine how many staff members in each school must be trained and certified to meet compliance, all schools were surveyed. Based on the results of this survey, data indicated that 700 staff members require the First Aid training. To facilitate this training, 35 sessions with 20 participants assigned to each will be held in various locations throughout the district. Funds in the amount of \$20 per participant as well as substitute coverage of \$100, where needed, will be allocated from the Medicaid reimbursement program. Principals at each school site will select the school staff members to be trained. Staff from the Division of Life Skills and Special Projects will coordinate the training and required record keeping with staff from the Division of Full Service Schools. All training will be reported to the Miami Dade County Department of Health as required by statute.

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The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2004 - 2005 Tentative Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6844, Object 5310, Location 9602.

The Red Cross Director for this project is Mr. Seth Berkowitz, Full Service Coordinator.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the American Red Cross of Broward County and Greater Miami and the Keys Chapters, Health and Safety Services, to provide first aid training and certification to 700 selected school personnel as required by Florida State Statute 381.0056, Section 8 and Chapter 64F-6.004 of the Florida Administrative Code, effective September 13, 2004 through June 30, 2005, in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.

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