

October 6, 2004

Office of Public Relations
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SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A VOLUNTARY HURRICANE RELIEF DRIVE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR ALL LOCATIONS TO SUPPORT AREAS OF THE CARIBBEAN AND HAITI DEVASTATED BY THE RECENT HURRICANES FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 17, 2004

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

Recent hurricanes have taken a serious toll on the Caribbean and its people, especially in the country of Haiti. At the request of the County Manager of Miami-Dade County, and in order to participate in the recovery of these devastated areas, the Superintendent of Schools agreed to join The Miami-Dade Board of Commissioners to provide relief by offering a drive for clothing, food, hygiene and other necessities. Participation was voluntary and implementation was through work locations from October 1 through October 17, 2004. Work locations delivered collections to their local library, fire station and to 2361 NW 67th Avenue, for delivery to these needy areas.

Due to the urgency of this humanitarian effort, the Superintendent authorized this drive. This confirmation item approves the Superintendent's actions.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida confirm the implementation of a voluntary urgent relief drive by the Superintendent of Schools for all locations that was held from October 1 through October 17, 2004.

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