

Rudolph F. Crew, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT
A DONATION OF SEVEN ACCESS DINGHYS FROM THE
AVENTURA MARKETING COUNCIL TO TEACH STUDENTS WITH
DISABILITIES TO SAIL INDEPENDENTLY**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Aventura Marketing Council, comprised of member companies and organizations, have for many years demonstrated their support of educational programs in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. One of the main goals of the Aventura Marketing Council is to bring together businesses with educational and charitable organizations, thereby ensuring a vibrant community.

As one of their selected projects, and in support of physical activity participation for students with disabilities, the Aventura Marketing Council has raised funds, in the amount of \$22,700, to purchase and donate seven access dinghys to the Division of Life Skills and Special Projects, Physical Education program. The access dinghys are especially designed with a ballasted centerboard, ensuring that the dinghy is difficult to capsize, and an innovative hull design which promotes stability and ease of sailing for students with limited mobility. The access dinghys will provide students with various disabilities the opportunity to learn to sail independently. The access dinghys, built in Australia, will be shipped to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club by the end of November. If accepted, a letter of appreciation will be sent to the various donors.

The President of the Aventura Marketing Council is Ms. Elaine Adler.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation of seven access dinghys from the Aventura Marketing Council to be used to teach students with disabilities to sail independently.

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