

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

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHLAND MALL; OCWEN FEDERAL BANK FSB; SOUTHLAND MALL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION /MARKETING FUND; AND T/S DEVELOPMENT, LLC, TO HOLD THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR FROM JANUARY 21, 2005 THROUGH JANUARY 28, 2005

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The fifty-first annual South Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair will take place from January 21, 2005 through January 28, 2005, at Southland Mall. Southland Mall; Ocwen Federal Bank FSB; Southland Mall Merchants Association/Marketing Fund; and T/S Development, LLC, have agreed to house the South Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Southland Mall. Approximately 500 students and 200 science and mathematics teachers from approximately 100 schools will be involved in this event. In collaboration with local colleges, universities, and businesses, approximately 200 professors and business persons will serve as judges.

The proposed agreement specifying the joint responsibilities of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and Southland Mall and Southland Mall Merchants Association has been reviewed by the School Board Attorney's Office and Office of Risk and Benefits Management. Under the proposed agreement, M-DCPS will also provide a certificate of insurance covering liability and property damage for the use of Southland Mall. To the extent that tort immunity is waived by state law, M-DCPS will indemnify and hold harmless Southland Mall for any liabilities occasioned by M-DCPS and associated with this agreement.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Southland Mall; Ocwen Federal Bank FSB; Southland Mall Merchants Association/Marketing Fund; and T/S Development, LLC, to hold the fifty-first annual South Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair from January 21, 2005 through January 28, 2005.

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