

School Police and District Security
Gerald L. Darling, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH DR. GARY
FEINBERG, TO SERVE AS THE EXTERNAL EVALUATOR ON
THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT
GRANT PROJECT**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILTY

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Dr. Gary Feinberg for external evaluation services throughout the course of the Emergency Response and Crisis Management grant project.

At the November 17, 2004, School Board meeting, the Board voted to accept a grant award from the United States Department of Education (USDOE) for funding to improve and strengthen school Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) plans. The grant application submitted by the District presented a comprehensive plan inclusive of initiatives geared to better preparing, responding, mitigating, preventing, and recovering from critical incidents. The application identified Dr. Feinberg, a Criminologist with a PhD in Sociology, as a local evaluator with expertise specific to the project.

The services to be provided by Dr. Feinberg include:

- provide instruments, checklists and surveys; interpret evaluation design to staff; provide data collection protocols; monitor data; and
- contribute to the final project report

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx-13- 3F-1.021, reviewed this contractual agreement on January 5, 2005, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request For Proposals be granted as otherwise determined by the Committee.

The contract with Dr. Feinberg will not exceed \$10,000, and will be fully funded by the grant award.

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RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Dr. Gary Feinberg to serve as the external evaluator on the United States Department of Education (USDOE) Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant Project, at an amount not to exceed \$10,000, for the contract period of January 19, 2005, through June 30, 2006;
2. extend this contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the USDOE, in order to complete the goals of the program; and
3. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021