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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT A \$30,000 DONATION FROM COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTERS OF SOUTH FLORIDA AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI AIRPORT HILTON HOTEL TO PROVIDE SERVICES RELATED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY ON MAY 25, 2005

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The 18th Annual Superintendent's Academic Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2005, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Miami Airport Hilton Hotel. Community Blood Centers of South Florida has offered to underwrite the recognition ceremony to honor valedictorians and salutatorians from the senior high schools and appropriate alternative education centers.

It is requested that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Miami Airport Hilton Hotel to provide services to Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the Superintendent's Academic Awards Ceremony in an amount not to exceed \$35 per person.

There will be no cost to the district.

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

1. accept a donation in the amount of \$30,000 from Community Blood Centers of South Florida to underwrite the cost of the Superintendent's Academic Awards Ceremony; and
2. enter into a contractual agreement with the Miami Airport Hilton Hotel to provide services related to the Superintendent's Academic Awards Ceremony, May 25, 2005, in an amount not to exceed \$35 per person.

There will be no cost to the district.