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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CLINICAL INTERNSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH STATE AND PRIVATE COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO PLACE STUDENT PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND STUDENT PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS WITH THERAPISTS SERVING AS CLINICAL INSTRUCTORS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Several post-secondary educational institutions offer a number of health-related training programs, including programs to train physical and occupational therapists and physical and occupational therapist assistants in the South Florida area. Requests have been received from Miami Dade College, Keiser College, Florida International University, University of Miami, Nova Southeastern University, University of Florida, and Barry University to enter into clinical internship agreements in order for student trainees at these institutions to receive their practicum experience in Miami-Dade County Public Schools' physical and occupational therapy program, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Other colleges and universities may make such requests during the school year. These agreements have been in effect since 1992.

The student physical and occupational therapists and therapist assistants will be assigned to a registered physical and/or occupational therapist who will serve as a clinical instructor. Trainees will be supervised by these registered physical and occupational therapists.

No local funds are required.

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

1. enter into clinical internship agreements with state and private colleges, universities, and community colleges to place student physical and occupational therapists and student physical occupational and therapist assistants, with therapists serving as clinical instructors, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006; and
2. extend the clinical internship agreements for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.

No local funds are required.

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