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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
AMEND AND RENEW THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
AND SCIENCE OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN AND MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ENTER INTO A
MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At its meeting of June 22, 1988, The School Board authorized the Superintendent to enter in an agreement through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kingdom of Spain and Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). This MOU established the Spanish Section of the International Studies Program in selected schools. Since the original MOU of 1988, there have been three renewals: November 1991, November 1994, and July 1997. This item requests authorization for the Superintendent to amend and renew the MOU for a period of four years, effective April 2005 through April 2009.

The proposed amendments and renewal continue the general terms and conditions of the previous MOU. The Ministry of Education and Science of Spain will continue to provide, at its expense, resource teachers to provide direct instruction to students at four elementary, two middle and two senior high schools. M-DCPS continues to support the program with visiting teachers, professional development, and instructional materials.

Currently, the Spanish Section of the International Studies Program is offered at Coral Way Elementary, North Dade Center for Modern Languages, Sunset Elementary, G.W. Carver Middle School, and Coral Reef Senior High School.

There are three amendments:

- Expansion of the Spanish Section of the International Studies Program to Ada Merritt Elementary School, Ponce de Leon Middle School, International Studies Charter High School;

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- Transition of the Spanish Section of the International Studies Program from Coral Reef Senior High School to the International Studies Charter High School and consideration of offering the Spanish Section of the International Studies Program at an M-DCPS public high school to be identified as part of the secondary learning communities initiative and/or at a site already identified in the Proposed Five Year Capital Plan; and
- Execution of an annual Management Agreement in order to better implement the terms of the MOU as related to personnel assignments and operational procedures

Copies of the MOU will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

There is no additional cost to the District.

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

1. amend and renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kingdom of Spain and Miami-Dade County Public Schools for a period of four years, effective April 2005 through April 2009, and
2. enter into a Management Agreement, renewable on an annual basis, at the Superintendent's discretion, to implement the terms of the MOU as related to personnel assignments and operational procedures, without additional cost to the District.

There is no additional cost to the District.