

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO PAY FOR HALF OF THE COMMERCIAL PACKAGE INSURANCE POLICY AND SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY INSURING BOTH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE FOR NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Since the original governance agreement was entered into, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) and Miami-Dade College have jointly purchased a comprehensive package insurance policy, covering both the liability exposures and personal property of the New World School of the Arts. Annually, the Board has authorized payment for such a commercial package policy with each entity to pay one-half of the total annual premium. In addition, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) and Miami-Dade College have jointly purchased a special events policy covering the liability for outside organizations using New World School of the Arts facilities in keeping with the Superintendent's goal of continuing to promote public access to school facilities. Miami-Dade College secured proposals for the appropriate coverage through their brokers and provided the information to the Board's Office of Risk and Benefits Management to make sure the coverage is appropriate and at a competitive cost for the South Florida marketplace.

Authorization for such purchase is provided pursuant to State Board Rule 6A-1.012(11), whereby the Board is authorized to directly negotiate and enter into contracts for insurance, risk management programs, or third party administrators, making such acquisition through the bid process, or by direct negotiations and contract.

Miami-Dade College has now provided staff with the renewal terms of the policies, effective August 13, 2005 with a total annual premium of \$26,210.04 for the commercial package policy. The package policy provides comprehensive general liability coverage of \$1 million per occurrence/annual aggregate, as well as property insurance coverage for buildings and contents of New World School of the Arts, with stated limits of coverage. The policy is underwritten by Philadelphia Insurance Companies (A.M. Best A+, IX), through Marsh USA.

Miami-Dade College has also provided the terms for the purchase of a special events policy effective June 25, 2005 to June 25, 2006, with a total annual premium of \$2,879. The policy is underwritten by Clarendon National Insurance Company (A.M. Best A-, X), through Marsh Advantage America and provides outside organizations which contract to use the facility access to appropriate coverage if they cannot provide it themselves.

Staff is recommending the renewal of the package program with the Board paying half of the annual renewal premium, or \$13,105.02, for coverage effective August 13, 2005 to August 13, 2006. In addition, staff is recommending the purchase of the Special Events policy with the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, reimbursing Miami-Dade College for half of the annual premium, or \$1439.50.

RECOMMENDED: That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the renewal of payment for a commercial package insurance policy secured by Miami-Dade College, covering both Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Miami-Dade College, with Philadelphia Insurance Company (A.M. Best A+, IX), through Marsh USA with each entity to pay one-half of the total annual premium, effective August 13, 2005 to August 13, 2006, with the Board's share of premium for the renewal of \$13,105.02 to come from the Board's general liability insurance budget; and
2. authorize the reimbursement of half of the total annual premium to Miami-Dade College for the purchase of a special events insurance policy secured by Miami-Dade College, covering both Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Miami-Dade College, with the Board's share of premium for the renewal of \$1,439.50 to come from the Board's general liability insurance budget effective June 25, 2005 to June 25, 2006.

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