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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE HEARING SCREENING SERVICES FOR A MINIMUM OF 100,000 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADE LEVELS REQUIRED BY STATE STATUTE AND SCHOOL BOARD RULE, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2006, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On January 22, 1997, School Board Member, Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, proposed and the Board approved the amendment of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 5D-1.02, School Health Services Program, to include the screening of additional grades. Florida School Health Services Administrative Rule, 10D-84.16, currently mandates hearing screenings for students in grades kindergarten, one, three, and six. Additionally the Florida Administrative Code mandates that hearing screenings must be done for students entering Florida schools for the first time in grades two, four, and five. Miami-Dade County Public Schools exceeds the state requirements by providing hearing screenings to students in grades two and ten.

This request is to enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Department of Health, Miami-Dade County Health Department for funds to provide hearing screening services. As part of the "School Health and Wellness Plan", this item is essential because nutrition, wellness, and optimal physical health influence student literacy. The Miami-Dade County Health Department will pay Miami-Dade County Public Schools \$76,000 to supplement the delivery of services to screen a minimum of 100,000 students, effective August 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. The District has been contracting with the Miami-Dade County Health Department since 1996.

The Contract Manager for the Miami-Dade County Health Department is Ms. Amy Tejjirian.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2006-2007 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in August 2006, under Fund 0100, Function 6130, Program 8632, Object 5145, Location 9721.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Department of Health, Miami-Dade County Health Department, to receive funds to provide a minimum of 100,000 students enrolled in grade levels required by state statute and School Board rule, with hearing screening services, effective August 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2006-2007 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in August 2006, under Fund 0100, Function 6130, Program 8632, Object 5145, Location 9721.

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