

May 31, 2006

Antoinette Dunbar, Deputy Superintendent
Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE
CONTINUATION OF FULL SERVICE SCHOOLS IN MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2006,
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The 2006 Florida Legislature has appropriated \$1,086,205.00 to the Miami-Dade County Health Department (M-DCHD), as the fiscal agent for Full Service Schools. The Full Service Schools initiative has been a collaborative project between Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), and the M-DCHD for 15 years. This year, the Full Service School model, in accordance with the Florida Legislation, will transition into the new School Health Connect (SHC) program approved on February 15, 2006 by the School Board. Funds in the amount of \$800,000 have been appropriated to M-DCPS to maintain Full Service Schools at 19 school sites, effective August 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

This funding will be used to continue the services of school social workers and school health aides at elementary, middle, and senior high full service school sites in order to address the health, social, and emotional needs of our students and families. Additionally, the staff will fulfill the criteria established by the M-DCHD and SHC to sustain the initiative.

The Executive Administrator for Miami-Dade County Health Department is Ms. Lillian Rivera.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the Miami-Dade County Health Department to utilize funds appropriated by the state to this agency for the continuation of Full Service Schools in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, effective August 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007; and
2. direct Financial Affairs to establish revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$800,000; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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