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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE SUPPORT OF DUAL CREDIT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On June 15, 2005, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, entered into an articulation agreement with Florida International University (FIU) to make available courses that offer both high school and college credit for eligible students. Section 1007.235 of the Florida Statutes requires that superintendents of school districts and presidents of state universities that serve the school districts develop and implement a comprehensive articulation agreement for students enrolled in their respective school district and service areas.

Dual Enrollment (DE) is an academic acceleration mechanism in which eligible senior high school students can register for university classes with the opportunity to receive high school and university credit concurrently. The state pays for the classes. The District generates FTE funding for its DE students which is used to pay for DE textbooks. Students are responsible for their own transportation.

As part of the recently passed A++ bill that was signed into law by Governor Jeb Bush, districts are now required to weigh Dual Enrollment (DE) courses the same as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Advanced International Certification of Education courses. Students entering grade nine in the 2006-2007 school year, must receive weighting of DE courses offered by school districts and colleges when grade point averages are calculated. These changes do not apply to students enrolled in grades nine through twelve prior to the 2006-2007 school year.

Dr. William Beesting, Assistant Dean, Office of Undergraduate Studies, oversees the articulation process at The Florida International University.

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Copies of the Articulation Agreement will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and 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 enter into an Articulation Agreement between The Florida International University (FIU) Board of Trustees and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for support of dual credit enrollment programs.

There is no additional cost to the District.

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