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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF FIFTEEN (15) ACCESS DINGHIES FROM THE AVENTURA MARKETING COUNCIL TO THE DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES, PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM, TO TEACH STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO SAIL INDEPENDENTLY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested to accept a donation from the Aventura Marketing Council of fifteen (15) access dinghies. As one of its selected projects, and in support of physical activity participation for students with disabilities, the Aventura Marketing Council has raised funds in the amount of \$54,250, to purchase and donate fifteen (15) access dinghies to the Division of Student Services, Physical Education program. The Aventura Marketing Council, comprised of member companies and organizations, has for many years demonstrated its support of educational programs in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). One of the main goals of the Aventura Marketing Council is to bring together businesses with educational and charitable organizations, thereby ensuring a vibrant community.

The access dinghies are especially designed with a ballasted centerboard, ensuring that the dinghy is difficult to capsize. Additionally, each dinghy has an innovative hull design promoting stability and ease of sailing for students with limited mobility. The access dinghies will provide students with various disabilities the opportunity to learn to sail independently. Upon acceptance of the donation, the access dinghies will be delivered to Oleta River State Park by the beginning of November to provide sailing services to all schools and students in Miami-Dade County, providing students meet the qualifications as outlined in the District's Water Related Field Trip Manual.

The President of the Aventura Marketing Council is Ms. Elaine Adler.

No local funds are required.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation of fifteen (15) access dinghies from the Aventura Marketing Council to the Division of Student Services, Physical Education program, to teach students with disabilities to sail independently.

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