

Freddie Woodson, Associate Superintendent  
School Operations

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI DADE COLLEGE, HOMESTEAD CAMPUS, TO PROVIDE A FULL TIME DUAL ENROLLMENT HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN:   ENSURE SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SCHEDULES MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AND ENHANCE TEACHING AND LEARNING**

During the 2007-2008 school year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Miami Dade College, Homestead Campus, will enter into a cooperative agreement to operate a Dual Enrollment High School, named School for Advanced Studies-Homestead, for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on the college campus. Currently, there are 338 students at the three existing School for Advanced Studies sites. The program initially began at the Miami Dade College North Campus in 1988, expanded to the Kendall Campus in 1993 and to the Wolfson Campus in 1999. The school offers students flexible scheduling, broad curricular options, individual mentoring, and a college environment. It also allows students to complete high school course work and receive college credits each year at no cost to the student. Participation is voluntary, and parents and students sign contracts agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Miami Dade College.

The initial recruiting process will begin immediately with a targeted population of 50 students to open the 2007-2008 school year. Recruiting efforts will continue to expand the capacity to 100 students for the 2008-2009 school year. The program complements the *Highways to Success* initiative and will be beneficial to students wanting to earn college credit during high school in order to enrich and accelerate their progress towards a college degree and career. The school will generate Full-time Equivalent (FTE) commensurate to enrollment and Assistant Principal and counselor positions will be shared between sites. Office and classroom space, including furniture and equipment will be provided by Miami Dade College.

Copies of the cooperative agreement will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132

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

1.       enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami Dade College, Homestead Campus, to establish a fourth site for the School For Advanced Studies (SAS) for the 2007-2008 school year; and
2.       to renew the cooperative agreement annually.