

Antoinette Dunbar, Deputy Superintendent
Curriculum and Instruction

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, 2007, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: ENHANCED STUDENT WELLNESS EDUCATION

The 2006 Florida Legislature has appropriated \$1,086,205 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 16 years. This year, the Full Service School model, in accordance with the Florida Legislation, will transition into the new Health Connect in Our Schools (HCiOS) program approved on February 15, 2006 by the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Funds in the amount of \$800,000 have been appropriated to M-DCPS to maintain Full Service Schools at 23 school sites, effective August 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

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

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

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

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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, 2007, through June 30, 2008; and
2. direct Financial Operations to establish appropriations in the amount of \$800,000; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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