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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS FOR THE - 2008 NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL
COMMUNITY**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND CURRENT CURRICULUM**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is committed to the educational achievement of all our students. As an extension of students' learning experiences, a rigorous academic and enriching summer school program has been developed to serve 21,000 eligible students. All federal and state mandated summer services will be provided as required by law. In compliance with the Enhanced Summer School Initiative, school-based and outreach programs will also be provided, however, with limited seating. The 2008 – *NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY* summer program will be funded at \$16 million, commensurate to the actual expenditures incurred for the implementation of the 2007 summer school program.

The goal of this year's summer program: *2008 - NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY*, is to support the District's instructional initiatives to help ensure achievement of high academic standards and to facilitate the preparation of our students to successfully compete in a global economy. Key components of the summer school program are delineated below:

FEDERAL AND STATE MANDATES

- Extended School Year (ESY) Services for Special Education Students (IDEA, Section 614 and Florida State Board of Education Rules: Rule 6A-6.03028);
- Administration of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) for Graduation (Florida Statutes Section 1003.43 (11) (b));
- Grade Three Summer Reading Camp for retained third grade students (Florida Statutes, Section 1008.25 (5)(b) and (7)(a)); and
- Administration of the Alternative Assessment for Grade Three Promotion (Florida Statutes, Section 1008.25 (6)(b)(3).

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SUMMER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM OFFERINGS

- School-Developed Summer Camp Programs (grades 1-5 and grades 6-8);
- Demonstration/Laboratory Schools at selected elementary and secondary sites;
- Outreach Programs for elementary and secondary students;
- Course Recovery for promotion/graduation;
- Student Internships; and
- Co-enrollment in Adult Education.

SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is **mandatory** by the State of Florida for all eligible grade three retained students. Parents/guardians selecting not to comply with the mandatory attendance policy forfeit the opportunity for summer educational services for their children.

Students must not exceed two absences at the elementary level to maintain enrollment status or at the secondary level to receive academic course credit.

SUMMER SCHOOL SCHEDULE

2008 - NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY will operate 20 instructional days for elementary, middle, and senior high schools, from July 2, 2008, through July 30, 2008, for eligible students (grade level status as of July 1, 2008). A non-paid recess is scheduled for July 4, 2008, for ten month employees assigned to the summer session.

The elementary and secondary instructional day shall consist of 5 hours and 30 minutes for students at all instructional levels. The student schedules are as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. daily for elementary students;
- 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. daily for middle school students;
(elementary and middle school lunch period(s) will be scheduled as appropriate during the academic day); and
- 7:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. daily for senior high school students (lunch period will be scheduled at the end of the academic day).

The contractual work day is 7 hours and 5 minutes for elementary and 7 hours and 20 minutes for secondary instructional staff. Planning time and professional development are provided during the non-instructional hours of the contractual work day. The summer employment schedule includes one Professional Development Day (Tuesday, July 1, 2008) for eligible teachers and paraprofessional staff.

The outreach and internship instructional day schedules will vary. Students participating in these programs may require additional contact hours to earn academic credit.

STUDENT ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT

The **Alternative Assessment for Grade Three Promotion** will be administered to all eligible retained grade three students, at selected summer school sites, on July 28 – 29, 2008. Students must pre-register by the published deadline to participate in the test administration. Students who pass the Alternative Assessment administration may be promoted to grade four prior to the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

SUMMER SCHOOL SERVICES EVALUATION

The Office of Program Evaluation will conduct an evaluation of selected elements of 2008 - *NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY* as appropriately identified.

SUMMER SCHOOL ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost for 2008 - *NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY* is \$16 million, inclusive of federal and state mandated services, other prioritized services for eligible students, and professional development for eligible teachers and paraprofessionals.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

2008 - NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY Supporting Document, including the Executive Summary, Program Descriptions, District Budgetary Plan and Allocations will be provided to the School Board under separate cover prior to the February 13, 2008, School Board Meeting.

2008 - NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY Implementation Document, including the list of summer centers, selected programs, implementation procedures, program information, and eligibility criteria will be provided to the School Board under separate cover by March 28, 2008.

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

1. implementation of federal and state mandated educational programs and other prioritized services for eligible students for the summer program entitled: *2008 - NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY*; including course recovery, demonstration/laboratory schools, outreach, internship, municipal and community partnership programs, alternative programming, and the evaluation of selected elements by the Office of Program Evaluation, as delineated in this Board Item;
2. approval of the summer program budget summary of \$16 million for fiscal school year 2008-2009, thereby authorizing Financial Operations to establish appropriations, not to exceed \$16 million in the General Fund inclusive of Supplemental Academic Instruction Funds, for *2008 - NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY*.
3. approval of the allocation formulas for *2008 - NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY*, including designated supplementary programs and authorize the Superintendent to implement services subject to any additional adjustments necessary to balance the overall 2008-2009 operating budget, or subject to pending action by the Florida Legislature; and
4. Superintendent to enter into contractual and cooperative agreements with colleges, universities, municipalities, community-based agencies, and business and industry for the delivery of summer program services, as delineated in the *2008 - NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY Supplemental Document* and further defined in the *2008 - NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY Implementation Document*.

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