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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI DADE COLLEGE TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT**

**STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND CURRENT CURRICULUM**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami-Dade College (MDC) to facilitate the operation of a Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) classroom program for students with disabilities, effective July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. Participation in this program will provide students with an age-appropriate environment and the support necessary for making the transition from school-to-work upon leaving M-DCPS. The program will be located at the InterAmerican campus located at 627 SW 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. Miami, FL 33135. This program was initiated in the 2005-2006 school year.

This program is designed for students ages 18-22 with moderate cognitive disabilities who are pursuing a special diploma. Students will continue to receive course credits toward graduation from M-DCPS while participating in on-campus vocational opportunities and auditing MDC classes.

It is anticipated that 8-10 students will participate in this program supported by a staff of one teacher and two paraprofessionals. M-DCPS will provide an FTE generated teacher certified in special education, transportation, materials, supplies and equipment, classroom furniture and meals.

This program is evaluated by administrative and support staff from the Division of Special Education. The evaluation includes site visits and monitoring student records and program delivery models.

There is no exchange of funds.

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

1. enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami-Dade College to facilitate the provision of educational and vocational experiences for students with disabilities, effective July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009; and
2. extend the cooperative agreement for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.

There is no exchange of funds.

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