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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CITY YEAR TO PROVIDE TUTORING, MENTORING SERVICES, AND POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENGAGE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

Authorization is requested to enter into a cooperative agreement with City Year to provide mentoring, tutoring and other after-school enrichment services that promote a positive school climate at selected schools for the period of July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. The criteria to select participating schools will be through a voluntary request for participation; the target schools will be low-performing elementary schools. Approximately nine (9) elementary schools will be selected to participate in year one. Authorization is requested to extend this cooperative agreement annually for a maximum of two additional one-year periods. The Office of Community Services will serve as the District liaison for the program.

City Year's mission is to build democracy through citizen service, civic leadership, and social entrepreneurship. As an AmeriCorps Program, City Year recruits young adults ages 17 – 24 to work for a year in local public schools. Established in 1988, City Year has programs in 17 cities throughout the United States, and one program in South Africa. City Year has established a program in Miami and will work in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and school-site leadership to address the needs of targeted students through a holistic model entitled *Whole School, Whole Child* which provides support through three interventions: *Academic Support, Positive School Climate, and After-school Enrichment Programs*. Over the first three years, City Year expects to bring \$3.2 million in new federal dollars to support the program, and another \$1.5 million from private donors and in-kind contributions.

In support of this partnership, M-DCPS will provide in-kind services including space at the selected schools; coordination of tutoring, mentoring and enrichment services at the schools; administrative support by the Office of Community Services; collaboration on student outcomes data collection; and access to appropriate trainings.

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Copies of the cooperative agreement will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 925, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

The Director of the City Year program in Miami is Ms. Christine Morin. City Year, in collaboration with M-DCPS, will seek grant funding to support all direct costs for this program. There is no exchange of funds.

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

1. enter into a cooperative agreement with City Year to provide tutoring, mentoring and positive school climate services at selected schools, effective July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009; and
2. extend the cooperative agreement annually for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.