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Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND ACCEPT \$76,000 TO SUPPLEMENT FUNDING FOR HEARING SCREENING SERVICES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2008, THROUGH JULY 29, 2009

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENHANCED STUDENT WELLNESS EDUCATION

Florida School Health Services Administrative Rule 10D-84.16 and School Board Rule 6Gx13- 5D-1.021, School Health Services Program, mandate hearing screening of students in grades kindergarten, one, two, three, six, and 10, and for students entering Florida schools for the first time in grades kindergarten through five.

This request is to enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Department of Health, Miami-Dade County Health Department (M-DCHD), for funds to provide hearing screening services. As part of the "School Health and Wellness Plan", this item is essential because nutrition, wellness, and optimal physical health influence student literacy. Mandatory hearing screening costs the District approximately \$330,000; the monetary assistance from the Miami-Dade County Health Department, in the amount of \$76,000, will supplement the delivery of services to screen a minimum of 100,000 students, effective August 1, 2008, through July 29, 2009, reducing this amount to approximately \$254,000, from general revenue. The District has been contracting with the Miami-Dade County Health Department since 1996.

The Contract Manager for the Miami-Dade County Health Department is Ms. Amy Tejirian.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2008, under Fund 0100, Function 6130, Program 8632, Object 5145, Location 9721.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Department of Health, Miami-Dade County Health Department, to receive funds to provide a minimum of 100,000 hearing screening services for students enrolled in grade levels required by state statute and School Board rule, effective August 1, 2008, through July 29, 2009;
2. accept \$76,000 from Miami-Dade County Health Department to supplement delivery of services; and
3. the appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2008, contingent upon approval of the 2008-2009 District Budget.

AD/DAM: swb