

Alberto M. Carvalho, Associate Superintendent  
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants, Marketing, and Community Services

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OVERTOWN YOUTH CENTER, INC., (OYC) TO PROVIDE MENTORING SERVICES FOR SELECTED STUDENTS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009**

**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 the Overtown Youth Center, Inc., (OYC) to provide mentoring services for selected students, effective July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, at Frederick Douglas Elementary, Downtown Miami Charter Elementary, Paul Lawrence Dunbar Elementary, and Phillis Wheatley Elementary Schools; as well as their respective feeder pattern secondary schools including Citrus Grove Middle School, Jose de Diego Middle School, and Booker T. Washington Senior High School. Authorization is also requested for the Superintendent to extend this agreement annually for a maximum of two additional one-year periods, culminating on June 30, 2011.

The vision of OYC is to serve as an integral part of the community by delivering enrichment services that foster hope and promote lifelong learning and success for inner-city youth. Anticipated outcomes include reducing truancy and crime, increasing parent involvement, and supporting academic success and self-determination. This agreement has been in effect since 2003.

One of the goals of the OYC includes mentoring approximately 142 at-risk students who live in the Overtown area in order to promote a stronger sense of self. The schools are recommended based on their location within the Overtown community. Staffs from the seven schools collaborate in the process of selecting students based on academic and financial need.

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Copies of the 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 Executive Director of the Overtown Youth Center, Inc., is Ms. Carla Penn. There is no exchange of funds.

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

1. enter into a cooperative agreement with the Overtown Youth Center, Inc., to provide mentoring services for selected students, effective July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009; and
2. extend the cooperative agreement annually for a maximum of two additional one-year periods, culminating June 30, 2011.

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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PRINCIPALS PARTICIPATING IN THE  
OVERTOWN YOUTH CENTER, INC., PROGRAM 2007-2008**

SCHOOLS	PRINCIPALS	# OF STUDENTS
1. Fredrick Douglas Elementary	Ms. Cathy McGinnis	33
2. Downtown Miami Charter Elementary	Ms. Candace Chewning or Ms. Beca Denda	24
3. Paul Lawrence Dunbar Elementary	Ms. Marie Destin	18
4. Phillis Wheatley Elementary	Ms. Deloise Brown	22
5. Citrus Grove Middle	Ms. Emirce Ladaga or Ms. Martinez	5
6. Jose de Diego Middle	Ms. Concepcion Martinez	14
7. Booker T. Washington Senior	Ms. Regina Lowe-Smith	26

**Total number of students**

**142**