

Milagros R. Fornell, Associate Superintendent  
Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST           AUTHORIZATION           FOR           THE  
SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM  
OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL  
OF ITALY IN MIAMI**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE   AND   COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC PLAN:       DEVELOP OUR STUDENTS SO THAT THEY ARE ABLE  
TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL  
ECONOMY**

At its meeting of June 10, 1998, The School Board authorized the Superintendent to enter in an agreement through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Consulate General of Italy in Miami and Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). This MOU established the Italian dual language program in selected schools. Since the original MOU of 1998, there was a renewal on January 2003 under which we currently operate. This item requests authorization for the Superintendent to amend and renew the MOU for a period of one year, renewable for three consecutive years.

The proposed amendments and renewal continue the general terms and conditions of the previous MOU and affirms the establishment of the Italian Section of the International Studies (IS) program. The Consulate General of Italy in Miami will continue to provide, at its government expense, resource teachers to provide direct instruction to students at two elementary, two middle, and one senior high school. M-DCPS continues to support the program with teachers, professional development, and instructional materials.

Currently, the Italian Extended Foreign Language (EFL) program is offered at Charles D. Wyche Elementary and Lawton Chiles Middle School. The Italian Section of the International Studies Program is offered at G.W. Carver Elementary, G.W. Carver Middle School, and International Studies Charter High School.

There is no additional cost to the District.

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**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to amend and renew the Memorandum of Understanding between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Consulate General of Italy in Miami for a period of up to three years, effective February, 2010 through February 2013.

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