

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

SUBJECT: FLORIDA KIDCARE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation (FHKC) helps thousands of uninsured children in the state of Florida gain access to affordable, quality health care each year. Healthy Kids combines local, state, federal, and family funds to pay premiums to commercial health plans who assume the insurance risk.

In 2009, the FHKC partnered with the *Florida Covering Kids and Families Program* (based in the Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center at the University of South Florida) to implement an outreach campaign pilot program targeting schools. The goal of the project is to engage school districts and enable them to identify those students who may be eligible for Florida KidCare.

As the largest school district in the state of Florida, it is incumbent upon Miami-Dade County Public Schools to take the lead in helping to enroll all uninsured eligible students. This can be accomplished through the District's active participation in the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation's Florida KidCare School Partnership Project.

This item is cost-neutral. Each participating school district will be provided with a budget to cover any incidental costs, as well as program materials for distribution at school sites. The District will also receive up to \$50 per eligible student enrolled in the program.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, initiate the Florida KidCare School Partnership Project, and authorize the Superintendent to:

1. Enter into an agreement with the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation for the Florida KidCare School Partnership Project, beginning in the 2009-2010 school year.
2. Provide a status update to the Board by the March 2010 School Board Meeting.