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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
SCHOOLS TO AMEND AND RENEW THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
OF SPAIN AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

At its meeting of June 22, 1988, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorized the Superintendent of Schools to enter in an agreement through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Education of Spain. This MOU established the Spanish Section of the International Studies Program in selected schools. Since the original MOU of 1988, there have been four renewals; November 1991, November 1994, July 1997, and July 2005. This item requests authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to amend and renew the MOU for a period of four years, effective October 2010 through October 2014.

The proposal continues the general terms and conditions of the previous MOU which provides that the Ministry of Education of Spain will provide, at its expense, resource teachers to provide direct instruction to students at two elementary, two K-8 centers, one middle and two senior high schools. Currently, the Spanish Section of the International Studies Program is offered at North Dade Center for Modern Languages, Sunset Elementary, Ada Merritt K-8 Center, Coral Way K-8 Center, G.W. Carver Middle School, International Studies Preparatory Academy (ISPA), and International Studies Charter High School. M-DCPS will continue to support the program with visiting teachers, professional development, and instructional materials.

Copies of the MOU 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 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

There is no additional cost to the District.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools to amend and renew the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Education of Spain and Miami-Dade County Public Schools for a period of four years, effective October 2010 through October 2014.

There is no additional cost to the District.

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